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* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	31st "
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April,
* CLYDE	4089	E. Street	14th "
M. L. CHINA	7399	T. S. Angus	21st "
* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	28th "
M. L. ARABIA	7392	J. L. Partitt	5th May.
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Bombay, 23rd February, 1900.

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IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,213	1st April. 1900.
* AMPHITRITE	C. Costanzo	3,280	15th April. 1900.
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IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,213	1st June 1900.

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* FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Morovich	6,044	15th April, 1900.
MARIA VALERIE	A. Fellner	4,235	15th May, 1900.
SILESIA	G. Verona	5,195	15th June, 1900.

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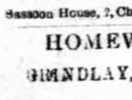

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3. A deposit of Rs. 50) must accompany each Tender which will be forfeited to Government in the event of the party whose tender may be accepted failing to fulfil the Contract.

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5. The conditions of the Contract Deed and all other particulars may be learnt by personal application at the General Post Office between the hours of 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

WM. MERRETT,
Presidency Postmaster.

Bombay, General Post Office, 15th March, 1900.

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K. G. DESAI, L.C.E.,
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Bombay, 20th March, 1900.

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NOTICE.

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G. T. W. OLVER,
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Bombay Island Sub. Division.

Bombay, 20th March, 1900.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and Credits of MIYA FEROZEDEN BIN MIYA LALDEEN, late of Jamu in Cashmere, Mahomedan Inhabitant, Deceased,

MIYA GOOLAM JEELAIN bin MIYA FEROZEDEEN, the only son of the abovenamed deceased ..... Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed Deceased, are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand and nine hundred, and in the Sixty-third year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI,
Registrar.

The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

W. LANE.
The 5th day of March, 1900.
Messrs. BICKNELL, MERWANJI & MOTILAL,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 22nd March, 1900.

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It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

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POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Tanga, Zanzibar, Daresalam, Ibo, Chindi, Mozambique and Beira, per s. s. Soto, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 9 a. m., to-day.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.—We understand that Mr. Shivram V. Bhandarker, Vakil, High Court, is a candidate for the seat in the Municipal Corporation, vacated by the death of Mr. Jamsetjee Cursetjee Cama.

REQUIEM MASS.—There will be a Requiem High Mass on Saturday, the 24th instant, in the Church of Our Lady of Glory, Mazagon, at 7 a. m., for the repose of the soul of the late Dr. J. B. de Quadros. Friends and relations will kindly accept this the only intimation.

SOLICITORS' EXAMINATION.—An examination of articled clerks will be held in the office of the Commissioner, High Court, on Thursday, the 29th, Friday, the 30th, and Saturday, the 31st days of March, and Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1900. The examiners are Messrs. A. K. Oliver, Master in Equity, M. H. Starling, Clerk of the Crown, and H. Bicknell, Solicitor.

A NEGLIGENT POLICEMAN.—Before Mr. S. B. Spencer, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Constable Dillon, of the G. I. P. Railway Police, prosecuted one Vithoo Anaji, a railway policeman, on a charge of absenting himself without leave. Constable Dillon stated that the accused had been in the employ of the G. I. P. Railway Police, for the last five years. He was last posted for duty at the Byculla Station, whence he absented himself for ten days. The accused pleaded that he could not attend to his duty on account of illness. The magistrate discharged the accused with a warning.

A CARELESS DRIVER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Manaji Genu, a coachman, in the service of a Parsi gentleman, was charged with rashly and negligently driving his master's carriage on Tuesday, on Marzban Road. The evidence showed that the accused carelessly turned his ghurry, while the carriage of Mr. August Shelling was coming up the road and ran into it, causing some damage. When asked by a policeman to give his name accused drove away, the wheel of the carriage going over the policeman's foot. The accused was fined Rs. 30, with an alternative of 15 days' rigorous imprisonment. The fine, if recovered, was ordered to be paid to complainant for compensation.

THEFT BY A RAMOSER.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, RamaKeshav, a police ramoser, was charged at the instance of Constable Dillon, of the G. I. P. Railway Police, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, with stealing two brushes, valued at Rs. 2, belonging to the G. I. P. Railway Company. The accused was a police ramoser, in the employ of the G. I. P. Railway Company, and was posted for duty at the Wari Bunder goods yard. Last week, a consignment of brushes arrived in Bombay from up-country and was kept at the Wari Bunder goods yard. On Monday morning the accused was detected, while leaving the gate of the yard, carrying a brush under his arm. On his box being searched, another brush was found. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

ALLEGED FATAL ASSAULT.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the morgue, regarding the death of Rao Babaji, a Hindu, aged about thirty years. The deceased boarded with a woman, named Yaroo, and resided in her room, at Wari Bunder Cross Road. On Tuesday morning, one Shaik Mahomed Shaik Abdul Rahiman had a quarrel with Yaroo, regarding a nuisance which had been committed by the latter's daughter near the standpipe in front of the house. During the altercation Shaik Mahomed slapped Yaroo on the face and she raised an alarm and ran away for a policeman. But before she left, the deceased came out of the room on hearing the alarm and asked Shaik Mahomed why he was abusing and striking the woman. Shaik Mahomed then turned on the deceased and kicked him violently on the abdomen. The latter fell down on the ground, when Shaik Mahomed again kicked him, and gave him blows with his clenched fists on both his sides. In the meantime Yaroo returned with a policeman and as soon as Shaik Mahomed saw the sepoy, he ran away. The policeman placed deceased in a victoria and took him to the J. J. Hospital. On being examined at the hospital, he was found to be dead, and his body was then conveyed to the morgue. About noon, Shaik Mahomed was arrested by the police at Carnac Bunder, and taken to the Mazagon Police Station, where he was identified by the woman Yaroo, as the man who had assaulted the deceased. Dr. Sidney Smith, who made an autopsy of the body, said that he found the abdomen full of clotted blood and serum, the origin of which he traced to a rupture of the spleen on its inner side. The spleen was about four times its normal size and was very soft. Dr. Smith was of opinion, that the cause of death was hoemorrhage consequent on rupture of the spleen. A fall or a blow with a clenched fist might have caused the rupture. The jury returned a verdict of voluntarily causing hurt against Shaik Mahomed.—At the Mazagon, Police Court, yesterday morning, the accused Shaik Mahomed was charged by Superintendent Nolan before Mr. P. H. Dastur, with causing grievous hurt, to the deceased Rao Babaji. The case was remanded.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CANDY.)

CAN A MINOR HOLD SHARES IN HIS NAME.

AMBALAL SARABHAI VS. THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

THEIR Lordships delivered judgment in this suit, in which the Bank of Bombay appealed from a decision of Mr. Justice Russell delivered in favour of the plaintiff on the 15th February, last. It was stated among the grounds of appeal that Mr. Justice Russell erred in holding that the plaintiff, though a minor, could become the registered holder of the thirteen shares in defendant's Bank in question in this suit. The lower court, it was urged, ought to have held that the said shares ought to remain registered in the name of Sarabhai Maganbhai, deceased, in whose name they now stand registered, until they should be legally transferred into the name of some adult person. The lower court ought to have held that the plaintiff, never having presented any transfer for registration and never having produced any evidence to prove this title, was not entitled to any declaration or other relief in this suit. The lower court erred in holding that section 22 of the Presidency Banks Act, 1876, had no application after the death of the registered shareholder in question. The lower court erred in holding that the shares would not devolve on the legal representative of the deceased shareholder; that it erred in holding that the principles of Hindu law had any application to this case; that it erred in directing the defendants to issue fresh certificates in the name of the plaintiff in respect of the shares, and to pay all dividends to the plaintiff's guardian during his minority, &c.

Their Lordships held that the decree of Mr. Justice Russell must be reversed. The suit was dismissed; and the appeal allowed with costs throughout.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Court, yesterday.

RE MAHOMED ALI AKBAR.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for an extension of the interim order for two months, the case having gone into the opposed list. The application was granted.

RE ARDESHIR RUSTOMJI DALALWALLA.

Mr. Manker, on behalf of Messrs. P. Fischer and Co., creditors, applied for their grounds of opposition to be admitted as they could not be filed previously owing to the holidays. The court granted the application.

RE CHOTALAL VIJBHOOCANDAS VANIA.

Mr. Kothare, for the insolvent, applied for the usual interim order. The application was granted on the understanding, that the insolvent was to give every assistance to the official assignee.

RE DADABHAI CHINTAMAN AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent applied for an extension of the interim order, contending that it had not been shown that his client had concealed property. The application was granted.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents were granted their discharge:—Hussumbhoy Latha Kachi, Vassudev Pandurang, Shapurji Hormusji Clubwalla, Mohunlal Iswar, Parshotam Kanji, Abbechand Naranji, Fazalbboy Hassam Khoja, Sheik Abdul Hoosein Salemanji Dawoodin, Christopher Bertram Gardner and Sandy Peter Antone.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE JAMSHED-I-NAOROZ FESTIVAL.

YESTERDAY was what is known among the Persians as the Jamshed-i-Naoroz Festival, which indicates, the advent of spring, corresponding with the vernal equinox. The day was observed as a holiday among the Parsees generally, more particularly among the Irani Parsees, who passed it in feasting and rejoicing. At the Anjuman-i-Fire-temple yesterday morning, a meeting of Parsees was held, at which Mr. K. R. Cama discoursed on the festival. At the invitation of Mr. Cowasjee Dadabhoy Rustomjee, Mr. Byramjee Nanabhoy Framjee and Mr. L. N. Banajee, the trustees of the Cowasjee Byramjee Banajee fire-temple, another meeting of Parsees was held at the fire-temple at Churney Road at 9-30 a.m., yesterday, when a grand thanksgiving ceremony was performed in connection with the celebration of the festival. In Persia, the 21st March is observed as the New Year's Day. The Shah of Persia and his court observes it as the chief holiday of the year. Two days before the Eid, the Shah summons, according to their rank and dignity, the prime ministers, ministers, nobles moollas, princes, and other persons of note to attend a durbar to be held at the palace court-room. On the morning of the day which ushers in the New Year, each and all who are bidden to the Royal presence, meet together, attired in brilliant court-dresses, and march in procession, according to their rank. The first to enter the audience-chamber is the superintendent of the palace, accompanied by his staff. After these have taken their respective seats, the procession of notable personages of rank and dignity follows; and there is a third procession of moollas, headed by the chief moolla. The viziers procession is the fourth, whose appearance is very picturesque. After an interval of a few minutes the generals belonging to the Shah's army, in full uniform, enter the durbar-room one after the other, according to seniority. The procession of princes, which comes next, is of a most imposing description, the gaudy clothing and martial bearing of some of the younger princes adding much to the gaiety of the scene. These young heads are preceded by the most venerable of the princes. After all have taken their seats, the Shah's chamberlains enter the durbar-room with their respective staffs, bearing gold and silver trays containing dresses of honour, and silver and gold coins, sweetmeats, rose water, flowers, &c., which are handed round to the guests. This done, the court crier announces the approach of the Shah, who is received outside the palace by his troops, the cavalry standing in one row, the infantry in another, artillery with drums mounted on camels to the rear, and the rest of the regiments, with colours and bands, surrounding the whole palace. It seems from the pictures carved in the edifices of Persepolis built by King Darius and his son Xerxes that this practice was in vogue in their time. On the Shah entering the durbar room, the audience receive him standing, and he immediately takes his seat on the throne. When the Shah is fairly seated, the audience fall down on their knees, and make obeisance to him, touching the ground with their foreheads. This is considered by Orientals the greatest mark of respect. The chief moolla opens the durbar by a short prayer. He then addresses the assemblage, dilates on the past glory of the Shah, and bestows upon him his blessing for the New Year. This benedictory address is wound up by the firing of a gun from the saluting battery—'Eed Moobaruck' and "May his majesty live long and happy" being the final expression of the chief moolla. This greeting is vociferously echoed by those assembled. The townspeople, on hearing the report of the gun congratulate each other on having been spared to see another New Year. The Shah then speaks in honour of Eed Moobaruck, and the ceremony pertaining to it: which done, he bestows a handful of ashrafi and shots on his chief moolla and other courtiers, and orders his private secretary to distribute the same among the remaining guests, according to their respective ranks. The Shah then devotes his attention to the appointment and dismissal of governors, conferring robes of honour, awarding punishment, liberating captives, &c. The durbar is then announced to be over, and the Shah takes his departure amid the sounds of music and the cheers of the populace, the courtiers and others making up the assembly likewise leaving in the order they entered. The whole ceremony of honouring the New Year is wound up by the firing of guns, blowing of trumphets and bugles, and ringing cheers from the general populace. The dress worn by the Shah on the occasion is of a most superb description, the crown being profusely studded with valuable diamonds and other rare gems.

The governors and rulers of distant provinces observe [redacted] in a similar demonstrative manner. They greet the Shah by telegrams with the well-known words "Eed Moobaruck," and receive the same blessing in return. The Shah likewise sends to the nobles and chiefs who are unable to appear in person in the grand durbar dresses of honour. A day or two after the Shah enters the other palace amid the strains of music and the booming of guns, and takes his seat in the gallery, where a public levee is held, at which people of all castes and creeds pass before him bowing their heads before that potentate, and wishing him prosperity throughout the New Year. On this occasion the chief secretary gives the recognizances of the great personages to the Shah by addressing them with their full names and titles. This festivities are kept up for seven days, during which the Shah and the governors of provinces confine their visits to one or two head moollas; but the other chief personages frequent each other's houses, according to their rank and state. The different envoys who honour the Shah on this auspicious occasion receive khilluts, or robes of honour. Thus a whole week is passed in some kind of gaiety or other.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	8	0	13
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	14	7	56
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	31	9	48
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalaxmi	20	11	22
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	32	7	85
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	21	8	23
G Mahim and Worlee	15	6	23
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	37	57
Total	141	85	338
Total plague deaths to date	69,019	59,565	
Same date last year	124	171	301
Small-pox	23	20	

HOSPITAL RETURNS.

The weekly return of hospitals, public and private, for infectious diseases from 6 a.m., Saturday, 3rd March, to 6 a.m., Saturday, 10th March, shows:—

ALL HOSPITALS.

Disease.	Last remained.	Admitted.	Transferred.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
Plague	556	317	1	100	324	538
Relapsing Fever	107	56	4	66	16	83
Observation	186	137	53	78	43	169
Contacts	2,377	1,276	14	1,332	8	2,299
Evicts	4,116	740	5	1,043	5	3,803
Small-pox	463	68	...	55	26	450
Contacts						20
Evicts						3,720

YACHT CLUB RACES.

Yachts (class B) Handicap race for Commodore's Cup.

Name of Boats.	H'p.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time. H M S
Eileen	5	Mr C Crommelin	5 58 5	1 53 5
Mannikin	Scr	Officers, R A	5 59 18	1 59 18
Pixie	10	Mr G E Howse	6 ... 20	1 41 20

Course No. 9, 9·6 miles—Cup won by Pixie.

Yachts (class A) handicap race for Commodores's Cup.

Name of Boats.	H'p.	Entered by	Time of Arrival. H M S	Corrected Time. H M S
Turquoise	Scr	Mr E S Luard	5 49 58	1 34 58
Chita	3	Mr E Comber	5 52 57	1 34 57
Nanta	6	Mr G F W Olver	5 56 50	1 35 50
Melody	6	Mr J B K Macbeth	5 59 42	1 38 42

Course No. 9—1st prize (Cup) won by Chita, and 2nd prize won by Turquoise.

Tomtit class race for Commodore's Cup.

Names of Boats.	Entered by	Time of arrival. H. M. s.
Tomtit	Mr R H H Hopkins	5 48 33
Meg	Mr W Murray	5 48 55
Coalie	Mr C H Byrne	5 50 8
Midget	Officers, R A	5 51 45

Course No. 12, (3 times round.)—1st prize won by Tomtit, and 2nd prize won by Meg.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

LORD NORTHCOTE'S SUGGESTION.

TOUCHING Lord Northcote's suggestion that committees of influential leaders of each trade in Bombay should be formed, the "Indu Prakash" writes:—Having given ample evidence of his sympathy with the people and interest in all the philanthropic and useful institutions of Bombay—a phase of character in which his worthy spouse has more than emulated her lord,—Lord Northcote did well to tax the middle class of Bombay with having been remiss in its duties by the famine-stricken unfortunates of the Presidency. His suggestion that an organization be formed of committees of influential leaders of each trade in Bombay with a view to voluntarily tax the whole profession for the benefit of the famine fund, was undoubtedly an excellent one. It is a scheme which has in many places worked satisfactorily, particularly in connection with the cow protection and 'panjrapole" movements. Even Bombay is familiar with it.

The *Rast Goftar* states:—It was indeed a happy thought which suggested to His Excellency the Governor the answer he made to Lord Curzon's inquiries as to the advisability of holding a public meeting in Bombay for the relief of the famine. It would almost certainly have been a loss of time and trouble to have convened such a meeting so soon after the last. The excellent practical scheme propounded by His Excellency before the leaders of the various native communities at the Secretariat Council Chamber last Monday, can best be described in his Excellency's own words. How well the project commended itself to those present can be easily seen from the rapidity and unanimity with which the consultative committee was formed. We heartily endorse His Excellency's proposals, and with him venture, to hope that whatever the action of the committee may be, it would be prompt.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" writes:—Last Monday His Excellency Lord Northcote addressed at the Secretariat a large number of native gentlemen representing various industries in our city, invited to consider measures for the augmentation of the Bombay Presidency Famine Fund. His Excellency spoke with a good deal of feeling and earnestness. His Excellency within a short period of his arrival in our midst has crowded together visits to various hospitals, to different schools and he has contributed liberally to the famine fund. He undertook a journey himself through the famine-stricken parts of Gujarat. We are further told during the last week that he has subscribed a further sum of Rs. 3,000 to the Bombay Presidency Famine Relief Fund. These acts of kindness and charity cannot but fail to endear him to the people.

THE PRESS MESSAGES BILL.

The entire Native Press is glad that the Press Messages Bill has after all been withdrawn. The "Rast Goftar" remarks:—It is natural that the native press, which has to depend upon the more enterprising Anglo-Indian Journals for foreign news, should oppose tooth and nail a measure which was calculated to minimise the usefulness and lower the prestige of these papers. Looking fairly and squarely at the question, one would think that a paper which has to pay, so heavily for foreign telegrams, should have its money's worth; but the question of expediency, unfortunately, intervenes, and that which should in all conscience be the property of a man who has to pay for it through his nose, is allowed to be filched by one and all who may choose to pirate it for their papers. These are no doubt hard lines. But looking to the state of the native papers, the present arrangements may be considered satisfactory.

The "Indu Prakash" says:—Lord Curzon has had the good sense to see that a Bill intended to benefit a few individuals had better be dropped, when there is a grave difference of opinion between even those whom it was intended to benefit. The Bill has accordingly been withdrawn, and it would seem that it will be revived only when telegraphic rates have been materially lowered. The mischief would then be small. All is well that ends well. But we may passingly note what great power even the dozen Anglo-Indian dailies of India have. For them and for Reuter was this bill brought forth. A majority of them disagreed as to the exact provisions wanted. And the Bill is abandoned.

A PARSEE COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

The trustees of the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable Institution have converted it into a Commercial School. The "Rast Goftar," observes:—The trustees of the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable Institution deserve the best thanks of the community for converting their high school into a Commercial School. Looking to the class of boys educated at the institution, commercial education will prove of greater practical good than the kind of education which was hitherto imparted at the school. Most of the students who come from the poorer classes, are unable to prosecute their studies as far as the matriculation, the passing of which only opens the door to higher education, and the trustees have not, accordingly moved a moment too soon in seeking to convert the institution into a Commercial School, where good practical education will be imparted.

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LECTURER—MR. EZEKIEL MOSES EZEKIEL, B.A.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....£102 9-16 plus 7-8
3 per cent. Rentes.....£101 1-2 Ex. unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan...£109 1-2 plus 1-2 "
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities..£63 7-8 "
Bar Silver in London..... 27 11-16 "
" New York ..... 60 1-8 "
Exchange on London at Paris .25'20 1-2 plus 1-2 "
" New York ... 4'85 5-8 "
Discount. Bank of England.....4 per cent. unchanged.
" Short London Bills...3 3-4 " —1-8 "
" Indian Bank Bills...3 3-4 " "
Amount paid into the Bank of England, £50,000.

EXCHANGE, GOVERNMENT PAPER, STOCKS AND SHARES.—Markets closed on account of the Parsi holiday Jamshedi Nowroy.

FREIGHTS AND COALS.—Markets more or less closed for above reason and nothing to report.

SEEDS.—London quotes:—Yellow Cawnpore Rapeseed, at 43s. 1-2d, April-May, Antwerp, sellers strong. Brown Rapeseed 40s. 7-8d., April-May, Antwerp, business done strong.

LOCALLY the markets are more or less closed today, being a Parsee holiday, but prices are quoted 1s. higher all round.

SKINS.—The Sheep Skin sale closed yesterday quiet and prices easier. Bombay 1d. lower. Madras 1d. to 2d. lower. Number of skins sold 970,000.

COTTON.—The market for ready cotton is quiet with only a small demand for export. Speculators are running up the price of Fully-good Bengals, Rs. 238 for which is offering. Good Broach is quiet at Rs. 244.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats quiet. Manchester was firm. Total sales 8,000 bales. Sold on Speculation and for Export 500 bales. Surats nil. Spot 5 7-32 plus. 1-16. Arrivals closed steady.

Mid-Uplands in Liverpool—

March.	March-April.	April-May.	June-July.	July-Aug.
5·28	5·26	5·23	5·17	5·14
Plus 3-64	plus 3-64	plus 3-64	plus 1-16	plus 3-64

Cotton in New York—

Receipts at the Ports .....12,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain.....18,000 "
to Continent.....4,000 "
Mid. Uplands .....9 7-8"
Futures, month of June .....9'43 plus 10.
Do do September...8'43 plus 11

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. [Surats quiet.

Good Bhownugger	4 24-32
The Manchester Market has been firm.	
2 3-4 per cent. Consols	102 9-16
3 per cent. Rentes	101 1-2 ex.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling loan	109 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee paper.....	63 7-8
Bar Silver	27 11-16

The sum of about £50,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

The P. and O. S. N. Company's steamer Socotra (extra) left London for Bombay on the 18th March.

PORT-SAID, MARCH 20.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Golconda left here this morning.

SUEZ, MARCH 20.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Murray arrived here from Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta this morning.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Mackintosh arrived here from Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta yesterday evening.

COLOMBO, MARCH 21.

Mail steamer Ophir, from Australia, arrived.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Maria Teresa, from Calcutta, left Colombo for Bombay, on the afternoon of the 19th instant.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's ss Okara, 3,438 tons, Captain F W Fry, sailed yesterday for Rangoon in ballast.

THE ss Crecent, 904 tons, Captain T A Galley, cleared yesterday for Calcutta with a cargo of salt.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Orissa, 3,525 tons, Captain A. E. Stebbing, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Rangoon (10th inst.), via Colombo, with a general cargo, and Dr. J. Featherstone as a passenger.

THE Bombay and Persia S. N. Co.'s s. s. King Arthur, 1,048 tons, Captain J. Davison, which arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening from Busreh (5th inst.), brought a general cargo 4 cases opium, and three deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's ss Khandalla, 1,318 tons, Captain H Macdiarmed, will sail to-day, for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr. Jacrola Bin Talib and son, Mr Aly Juar, Mr Donald Graham, Mr Hassam SayedMahomed Sayed Mustffa, Mrs J JosubMahomed Sharriff Mahomed Markhee Aodool Eazigbia Fazal, and 65 deck.

THE German East Africa Line, s.s. Setos, 1,234 tons, Captain H. Carstens, will sail to-day for Zanzibar via Marmugoa, Lamoo and Mombassa, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. C. Hickie, Captain and Mrs. C. W. Justice, Mr. A. G Turnbull, nurse of Mrs. C. W. Justice Mr. William Fairley, Mr. R. Sykes, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. R. E. Gompertz, Mr. F. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martelli, Mr. F. T. Lanorgan, Mr. J. D. Jansy, Mr. D. H. A. Kaiff, Mr. R. F. E. Donves,—Denker, Mr. M. A. Kanade, Mr. Cooverjee Hormasjee, Mr. P. Luchiram, Mr. and Mrs. Van Sanden, Mr. and Mrs. Mohan Lal and infant, Mr. Adam Ghool Mahomed, Mr. Karim Bica, and 51 deck.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MARCH 21.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Tenassorim	...	T Y Greet	...	...	Receiving Hulk
Abyssinia	...	do	...	...	Turret-ship
Magdala	...	do	...	...	Turret-ship
Plassy	...	do	...	...	Torpedo Catcher
H M S Eclipse	...	P W Bush	...	...	Flag Ship
H M S Melpomene	...	Denison	...	Wet Basin	Royal Navy
Dalhousie	...	Vines	...	Wet Basin	R I M S
Clive	...	Ekierton	...	...	R I M S
Juba	134	Wilson	...	...	M M & Co
Amra	171	Steuart	...	...	M M & Co
Golobaria	3420	Gray	...	...	M M & Co
Patna	1194	Hawkdon	...	...	M M & Co
Chulmleigh	2575	Robson	...	...	Corry Brothers
Goa	1217	Gimblett	...	...	M M & Co
Ship Ladakh	1908	Hanlah	...	...	Standard Oil Co
Khandalla	1318	Stewart	...	...	M M & Co
Ciematis	329	Bunman	...	...	W & A G & Co
Fultala	3990	Cove	...	...	Transport
Uriana	3383	Plommer	...	...	Transport
Albion	649	Ritchis	...	...	R S & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—MARCH 21.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
B	Clan Graham	1857	Alexander	Vijagapatam	21-3	F M & Co
C	King Arthur	1047	Davison	Jedda	...	B & P S N Co
F	Johannesberger	1874	Moller	Hamburg	...	Gilde & Co
G	Setos	1234	Carstens	Zanzibar	22-3	P Steyer
H & J	Crescent	928	Hannah	Calcutta	22-3	H Cassum
K	Brahmani	824	Cassum	Mangalore	23-3	Shepherd & Co
M	Purnea Transport	...	Pearson	London	31-3	M M & Co
M	Kola	498	Rouertson	Karachi	24-3	M M & Co
N	Orissa	3523	Stebbin	...	24-3	M M & Co
P	Mutlea Transport	2935	Macintyre	Durban	27-3	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALLS.

Satrunji	547	Ahmed	G Ports	22-3	Shprd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	R Rubattino	3048	Costa	Genoa	29-3	F Baldovino
5	Clyde	2198	Street	Aden	1-1	P & O S N Co
6	Peninsular	3018	Wheler	London	24-3	Do
12	Okara	5291	Fry	Rangoon	21-3	M M & Co
16	Bormida	1499	Sartorio	China	24-3	F Baldovino

MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

Chusan	2852	Denny	China	28-3	P & O Co

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44'3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime. or 5h. 8m. 44'30 of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVAL.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
21	Orissa s	Stebbing	Rangoon, March 10.

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
21	Neptune s	Walters	Calcutta
	Okara s	Fry	Rangoon

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Setos, Carstens, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Khandalla, Macdiarmed, for Persian Gulf.
" Crecent, Galley, for Calcutta.

The steamer King Arthur, entered for loading yesterday for Aden, Jeddah, &c.

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the "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

The importance of these contributions, in view of the present crisis, cannot be exaggerated. The fourth article will appear in the

"BOMBAY GAZETTE" of MARCH 23.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

OSMASTON—March 17, at Chakrata, the wife of B B Osmaston, Imperial Forest Service, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

GROVES—STANES—March 16, at Coimbatore, Anthony Norris, son of the late Frank Groves, of Coonoor, to Mary Isabel (May), second daughter of Robert Stanes, of Coimbatore.

DEATH.

TAYLOR—March 14, at St Thomas' Mount, at his family residence, Moore's Buildings, after a short illness, Mr William Hughes Taylor (late Auctioneer and General Dealer, and Livery Stable Keeper), aged 70 years and 2 days.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1900.

MR. CLINTON DAWKINS, the Finance Minister, begins his solitary Budget with the pathetic observation that Sir James Westland was able, last year, to dwell with "cautious satisfaction" on the rapid recovery of India from the effects of famine. It was then generally supposed that the two years of good harvests which made that recovery possible were the prelude to a long period of agricultural prosperity. They were really ushering in one of the greatest famines of the century, and in some areas of unprecedented severity. The agricultural situation naturally colours the figures of the Budget, and we must not affect surprise if they point to the necessity of a loan of three crores. We have mentioned crores, led away like Mr. Finlay, the Financial Secretary, by old habit. But it is a distinctive feature of this Budget that the Rupee, and especially the Rx. of past budgets, is discarded by Mr. Dawkins in favour of the pound sterling, which is now legal tender. The pound is the equivalent of Rs. 15, the delusive theory that Rx. was equal to £1 being now exploded like many other time-honoured superstitions. Our home keeping fellow-subjects will now know where they are when they read that the Budget Estimate for the year 1900-1901 puts the revenue at £70,155,800 and the expenditure at £69,995,300, yielding a modest surplus of £160,300. This year we are now entering on, is the third of a triad of which 1898-99 was the first. In that year the revenue was £67,595,815, and the expenditure charged against revenue £64,954,942, yielding a handsome surplus of over two millions and-a-half, due to the bounteous harvests of that and the preceding year. The early months of the year 1899-1900 gave hopes of the continuance of prosperity and Sir James Westland budgeted for a surplus equal to that he had secured. He placed exchange at a figure destined (and expected) to be exceeded, and hoped for a larger surplus; it was somewhat less than the estimate. The actual revenue was £68,532,400, and the expenditure £65,979,600. Had it not been for the totally unexpected failure of crops, consequent on the deficiency of the monsoon, the surplus would have been four and a-half million sterling—six or seven crores of the enhanced rupee. But for the same cause the present year would have given a substantial surplus, and there would have been no necessity to resort to a loan. We have referred to one not unimportant innovation in the form of the present Budget. There are two others, which will, perhaps, meet with general acceptance in India, where the national conservatism may take alarm at the national accounts being set forth in pounds sterling. The old and often ill-used Famine Insurance will no longer be expended on works not exclusively directed to the protection of certain areas from famine. Henceforth, in accordance with the recommendation of the recent Famine Commission, one and a half crores or £1,000,000 sterling will appear in the estimates for the Famine Grants, which or its unappropriated balance, will, in ordinary years, be a surplus within the surplus. It can only be used for works solely designed as a protection aginst famine. The programme of protected railway works is now pretty well exhausted, and the same may be said of irrigation works, though there is, perhaps, still some room for expansion in that direction. The balance of the Famine Insurance Fund has hitherto been entered under the heading Reduction of Debt, giving rise to inquiries as to how there has been a reduction of debt in face of the patent fact that new loans have been raised. In future, it will be entered under the heading of Reduction of Debt or Advance of Debt as the case may be.

The third innovation speaks for honesty, inasmuch as it gives credit to whom it is due for much intelligent and patient labour. Sir David Barbour, ten years ago, divided the Budget into Parts I. and II., so that the general exposition in the first might be read in Council, while the details of ways and means in the second part might be studied at leisure by honourable members in the privacy of their homes. Mr. Dawkins has no doubt—and we would not for worlds impute any—that the members in question throw themselves with enthusiasm on those deeply-interesting figures which speak volumes to those who make their intimate acquaintance. But inasmuch as Part II. is the work of Finance Secretary, Mr. J. F. Findlay, his name is affixed to it. Incidentally this regulation will bring home to that indefatigable public servant a sense of responsibility, by which it is to be hoped the tax-payer and the public creditor will equally profit. Now let us return to Mr. Dawkins' deeply interesting figures. Last year a surplus that fell short of expectation while slavishly faithful to a prudent estimate, showed an increase of £607,400, more than counterbalanced unfortunately by an increase of £676,400 in expenditure. The land revenue was £1,187,100 less than the estimate, while the opium revenue improved by £401,300 and salt by £41, customs by £54,200. The total yield of salt rose to £5,879,100, a very satisfactory total, indicating that last year, at all events, there was no falling-off in the purchasing power of the people. The reduction in the land revenue was due to short collections and remissions sanctioned by Government in view of the famine. The Bombay Presidency showed a loss of eighty-four lakhs under this head; in the much-tried Central Provinces thirty-five, and the Punjab thirty-seven lakhs. Scanty crops in the Madras Presidency cost the land revenue nineteen lakhs. On the other hand the countervailing duties on beet sugar, an increase in the imports of spirits and £422,900 or sixty-three lakhs enhanced earnings of the Post Office, the Telegraphs and the Mint together, an increment of sixty lakhs on Bengal opium, which obtained better prices, did a good deal to save the financial situation. The Mint brought in profits amounting to forty-five lakhs, of which thirty-two were made on the new Indian coinage for the Malayan Peninsula and Singapur, and small change for India. The famine enabled the Mint to make thirteen lakhs by converting copper into pice for the payment of those employed on the relief works. The war in South Africa, and speculations in grain increased the earnings of the telegraph by thirteen lakhs and-a-half. Railway receipts went up a crore and a quarter by the movement of grain caused by the famine. All the railways did not share in this enhanced prosperity. The G. I. P. lost thirty lakhs by the falling-off in the export trade through famine and plague, and the North-Western thirteen lakhs. The failure of rain in the Punjab brought an increase of receipts for irrigation of over fourteen lakhs.

The total provision for famine last year was 324 lakhs—£2,162,400. The expenditure on direct famine relief in the Central Provinces, where the pressure was first felt, amounted to 154 lakhs; in Bombay to 110, in the Punjab 22, Ajmere 17, and other Provinces four lakhs. There was a saving under the Salaries and Civil Departments of twenty-two lakhs, owing to the reserve for plague being almost intact, the Provincial Governments keeping their expenditure on plague within their Provincial Grants. The loans to Native States for famine purposes amounted to 48 lakhs, but those were not charged against revenue. A considerable saving—£405,200—was experienced on civil works due to lapses, and attention being given to famine works, it being necessary to effect reductions in ordinary expenditure. A more considerable economy was effected by the despatch of part of the European Army to South Africa and of Native Regiments to Ceylon and Singapur owing to the war in South Africa, the expense of maintaining those troops—£738,400—being borne by the British tax-payer. A large reduction in the payments for Ordnance Stores in England also contributed to these welcome results. It is to be hoped that the precedent set by the War Office and the Treasury of charging not only for the troops lent to India, but for the up-keep of depots in the absence of battalions, will be followed by the corresponding authorities in India, and that incidental and contingent charges are duly included in the accounts sent to London for reimbursement. That is by the way. The Finance Minister, who appears to have shared in the general surprise occasioned by Sir James Westland's estimating the rate of exchange last March at 1s. 0⅞d. has fixed the rate for the financial year now about to begin, at 1s. 4d. Seeing that last year exchange in the first six months exceeded sixteen pence, and in the second half went higher, there is no optimism in expecting that in the slack season this year the rupee may approximate to 13 7-8d. and in the busy season will advance to 14 1-8d. It is estimated that during the year £19,000,000, equal to 2,837 lakhs of rupees, will be remitted by Council Bills. This will include the Bills issued against gold received in London. The details and ways and means are another and a very sad, not to say tragic, story. All we need say at present is that famine relief will cost £505,400 or 526 lakhs, of which all but five lakhs will be expended in British India. Bombay will take the immense sum of 248 lakhs, the Central Provinces 180 lakhs. Compared to these sums we must be almost resigned to an increased expenditure on "Insurance against War" of £1,229,200 or 184 lakhs for military services. One-third of this will be absorbed in the rearmament of the Native Army, and thirty-seven lakhs in the increased cost of food for men and animals.

GENERAL VENTRIS at Santa Cruz yesterday, inspected the Bombay Light Horse as efficient a body of men as any Commanding Officer could wish for. They turned out after a fortnight's camp, on ground resembling as nearly as may be that on which our forces are now fighting in South Africa. Both men and horses were in excellent condition and went through between two and three hours' inspection with the utmost credit. Were they taken bodily into active service we do not hesitate to say that they would give an excellent account of themselves. A good deal was written recently concerning the corps, by correspondents who knew nothing of it. Suggestions were made that the Light Horse should be turned into Mounted Infantry a suggestion, which, by the way was very late in the day, seeing that the matter was threshed out over a dozen years ago when the corps was first organised. Mounted Infantry does not exist in the British service as a separate arm in peace time, and is only recognised as a separate unit to be formed for service in the field. Men are selected from each of our Infantry Battalions at home and sent to Aldershot, for a course of training. The men are chosen for their smartness and intelligence, and must all be marksmen, and it is not given to every volunteer, any more than it is to every regular, to be a marksman. Every member of the Light Horse has both smartness and intelligence as well as considerable skill in the use of his weapons. Yeomanry in England is maintained that it may be called out for service in any part of Great Britain in case of threatened invasion or to suppress civil riots. And what the Yeomanry is in English districts the Bombay Light Horse is here. Experience has demonstrated the wisdom of the determination of the promoters of the corps to make it cavalry. It has fulfilled one of the main objects of Yeomanry in that it rendered valuable service in the suppression of the riots of 1893 and 1898. So far as our defences are concerned the corps has taken its part in every rehearsal yet conducted, and if occasion should arise to ask its services for the frontier, it is satisfactory to know that it could perform all that would be required of it. It is well known that in some countries on the frontiers, such, for instance, as Swat and Bajour, cavalry are invaluable. The moral effect of cavalry on frontier tribesman is very great and writers on Indian frontier warfare urge that cavalry should always be taken wherever it can with safety, mounted infantry being far less serviceable. Should the Bombay Light Horse be wanted for reconnaissance duty—to act as the eyes and ears of an army—they can do it, and General Ventris yesterday thoroughly tested their capabilities in this direction. The men are well mounted, can ride, shoot, and use their swords, and the fact that they are intellectually above the average of British yeomanry makes their reconnaissance work of a higher standard than can be expected of mounted volunteers at Home. In their serviceable khaki uniform yesterday they turned out at daybreak and the inspection was not over until the sun was high. The inspection was thorough and searching, as those of General Ventris invariably are, and that officer expressed himself in terms of high praise of the manner in which the Light Horse acquitted itself. Instead of eight days' training, which is all the British Yeomanry receive, the Light Horse had something like sixteen, in addition to the morning drills which at Home are impossible. Especial attention has been paid to dismounted work and that branch of their performances yesterday called for very favourable comment. The consequence of their careful training in all branches of their duties is that there is not an inefficient trooper among them. Every man knows his work and does it. The pity is there are not more of them. But in these days of bicycles and high prices of fodder fewer horses are kept than was the case a few years ago. Consequently none but men who take a really active interest in volunteering join the Light Horse. If there were but a hundred troopers instead of sixty, Government would give the corps the benefit of systematic instruction by an adjutant. Until circumstances bring about the desired addition to the strength, the troopers will have to be content, as indeed they are, with the care and instruction of some of the keenest and most capable officers to be found in the auxiliary forces.

THE Famine Relief returns for the week ending Friday record a further addition of 217,000 to the numbers in receipt of relief. Bombay figures have gone up by half a lakh to 1,291,326 and the Native States within the jurisdiction of Bombay to 474,537. The Central Provinces have now a million-and-a-half in receipt of relief to which must be added another half a lakh in the Central Provinces Feudatory States. The figures in the Punjab, Central India States and Baroda fell off, but the general totals are much heavier both in those of persons employed on relief works and those in receipt of gratuitous relief. The season reports do not show any improvement in prospects. The Bombay report shows that slight rain fell in parts of Sholapur and Poona, but none elsewhere. Standing crops are in good condition in the Konkan and three districts of Sind, in the irrigated lands in Baroda, three districts of Gujarat and two of the Deccan. Spring crops have been damaged by frost in parts of two districts of Sind and have withered elsewhere. The reaping of remnants of the spring crops has been completed in various districts. The fodder supply is scanty in Broach and in parts of Sind, the Deccan and the Karnatak. Cattle are consequently suffering severely in Baroda, three districts of Gujarat and in parts of the Deccan. The report of the Central Provinces shows that the water-supply is scanty and fodder is generally insufficient. Prices are steady with local fluctuations only. Over the province as a whole it is shown that the number on famine relief has increased by eighty-two thousand, of which Raipur alone accounts for about twenty-six thousand. The largest increases occur in the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions. There are now 152 Public Works Department relief camps now open in the Central Provinces. So far as Central India is concerned it is reported that no rain has fallen and agricultural operations have been completed in Bundelkhand and are in progress elsewhere. No change in the condition of the standing crops, agricultural stock or pasturage is recorded since the reports of last week. Concerning the Native States to which the *Times* draws attention, as set forth in our telegrams, the returns show that out of 4,812,977 persons in receipt of relief 1,337,304 are subjects of Native States and are divided thus:—Rajputana, 447,310; Central India States, 119,470; Hyderabad, 182,538; Baroda, 58,670; Native States in Bombay, 474,537; in the Punjab, 7 461; and in the Central Provinces Feudatory States, 47,318. Indore and Ferozpore have sent in no returns.

LADY LANSDOWNE has asked Colonel Fenn, of the Viceroy's Staff, to investigate applications from wives of officers who are serving in the war in Africa for assistance from the "Officers' Families Fund." Rank and regiment of officer, number of children amount of private income and any special reason for which help is needed should be fowarded to the above address. All applications will be treated as confidential. The benefits of the Fund, it should be said, do not apply to the families of officers who have volunteered.

SPEAKING at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of Bai Ratanbai Framji Panday School held yesterday afternoon, at Tardeo, H. E. Lord Northcote said it was now about 250 years since his countrymen prevailed upon Parsees to settle in Bombay and he ventured to think that Englishmen of 1900 might cordially congratulate themselves upon the prescience and wisdom that induced their ancestors to invite to Bombay a community so distinguished by loyalty to the British rule, so prominent by its commercial enterprise and so philanthropic in all its ways.

YESTERDAY afternoon Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice of Bombay, performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Swimming Bath on the Kennedy Sea-face opposite the Esplanade Bandstand, and south of the Back Bay Swimming Bath. Invitations to the ceremony had been issued in the names of Messrs. Dady and Framroze C. Golwalla, the proprietors of the Bath, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present to witness the ceremony. The Bath, which will be 110 feet by 40 feet, is estimated to cost over Rs. 30,000. Separate hours for swimming have been fixed for members of the different native communities; and an hour a day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays has been set apart for native ladies. Electric light will be provided on the premises.

AT a meeting of the Golfing Members of the Madras Gymkhana, held last week, Mr. J. K. Greig was elected Captain, and Mr. W. J. Molesworth, Sub-Secretary for Golf for the current year, a vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. W. D. Porterfield, the retiring Sub-Secretary, for his services during the past year.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"Two tigers, one of which was a man eater that had killed four men, were, for some time, doing much havoc in the villages at the foot of the ghauts in the Vizianagram Zamindary. Mr. H. W. Gilman, the Collector of the Zamindary, went after them and shot both."

THE Government of India, on the advice of Professor Fraser, has decided to place Captain R. H. Elliot, I. M. S., on special duty in connection with snake poison experiments, as soon as his services can be spared. Professor Fraser has placed his laboratory at Captain Elliot's disposal should he decide to carry out any part of his work at Home, and has offered to give all the help in his power.

ALL regimental non-commissioned officers employed on Commissariat-Transport duties in the field will, in future, be armed with sword and revolver.

THE Government of India has sanctioned a further lease, for three years, to the Nizam's Government, of the buildings in the old Lancer Lines at Secunderabad.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. HERVEY, Officiating Colonel on the Staff at Delhi, has been appointed to Command the Kohat-Kurram Force, Colonel Abbott, Commanding the Malakand Moveable Column, officiates as Colonel on the Staff, vice Colonel Hervey.

THE Rifle Volunteer movement started by the "Straits Times" has met with official recognition. The Government has asked the Legislative Council to vote a sum of over 16,000 dols., for the organisation of the proposed Corps, which is to be attached administratively to the Singapore Volunteer Artillery.

SUBJECT to audit, a balance dividend for 1899, tax free, of 2s. per share is declared by the Nundydroog Gold Mine Co., payable on the 24th instant. This will make the total amount distributed out of the profits for the year 1899 equal to 30 per cent. upon the nominal capital of the Company.

UNDER the orders of the Government of India, and with effect from the 19th instant, all money orders of the amount of Rs. 15, and upwards will be paid throughout the Presidency town of Madras in sovereigns at the legal rate of one sovereign for Rs. 15. If the amount of a money order is not an even multiple of Rs. 15, the difference will be paid in notes or silver.

WE regret to notice from the returns that the plague is spreading into the wards adjoining Jorabagan. On Sunday the total mortality in Calcutta again topped the highest on record, the number of deaths shown being 217 against a quinquennial average of 89. The fresh cases of plague brought to light were 117 with 101 deaths. The total number of living cases of plague on Sunday was 222.

THE Indian Famine Fund now amounts to Rs. 27,04,000, a further instalment of 1 1-2 lakhs having been received from the Mansion House Fund. The Maharaja of Jeypore has intimated to the Viceroy his intention to place fifteen lakhs at the disposal of a body of trustees of a fund, the proceeds to be appropriated to the relief of sufferers under Fund rules and the principal to remain as a permanent and growing fund for future needs.

THE Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, who reached Jubbulpore from Nagpore on Thursday, will be on tour this week in the Jubbulpore Division, where he visits the Saugor and Damoh Districts before returning to Nagpur on Saturday, the 24th instant. Mr. Fraser will probably not be going into summer quarters at Pachmarhi until well into May, on account of the state of the Province, which will keep him on tour on and off throughout the month of April.

THE Viceroy according to present arrangements will leave Calcutta on the evening of the 28th instant, proceeding straight to Lalkua, and shooting in the Kumaon jungles until April 7th. Mr. Rebsch of the Foreign Department is arranging the shoot. His Excellency will leave Bareilly on April 8th, halting at Amritsar on the 9th and arriving in Quetta about noon on the 11th. He will remain there until the 15th, holding a durbar, opening the Sandeman Hall and paying a visit by rail to New Chaman. From Quetta the Viceroy will proceed to Dera Ghazi Khan and Dera Ismail Khan by rail, journeying afterwards by tonga to Bannu. Thence he will make direct for Simla by the shortest route. Lady Curzon will travel from Quetta straight to Simla.

THE 42nd Gurkha Rifles, who since their departure from Shillong in September last, have been in camp at Benares, left the latter station on the 14th instant at Abbottabad. Their stay at Benares brought the two 42nd Regiments, viz., 1st Battalion Black Watch, and 42nd Gurkha Rifles, together for the first time in their history, and was most agreeably signalised by the Black Watch, by a gift of 4,000 cigarettes and the following note to the Gurkhas: "With the good wishes of 42nd Highlanders to their comrades-in-arms, the 42nd Gurkha Rifles"—a welcome and generous present, which was thoroughly appreciated by "Johnny Gurkha" as an evidence of the good feeling existing between him and his comrades of the famous "Forty-two."

THE total number of deaths registered in Urban Calcutta during the week ending 3rd March, was 713 against 588 and 506 in the two preceding weeks, and higher than the corresponding week of last year by 297. There were 45 deaths from cholera, against 40 and 51 in the two preceding weeks; the number is higher than the average of the past quinquennium by 4. There were 373 deaths from plague, against 235 and 178 in the two preceding weeks. There were 16 deaths from small-pox during the week against nine in the previous week. There was one death from tetanus against one in the previous week. The mortality from fever and bowel-complaints amounted to 91 and 48 respectively, against 97 and 22 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 79·7 per mille per annum, against 40·4, the mean of the last five years.

THE "Madras Mail" writes:—"Truth," received to-day, accuses Sir Arthur Havelock of jobbery in appointing Mr. Meredith, instead of Mr. Clarke, Chief Presidency Magistrate, on the ground that Mr. Clarke as a Barrister of many years' standing has a sort of claim on the appointment. We do not quite follow our contemporary, for it has certainly not been the custom to appoint a Barrister, however desirable it might be. Recalling the names of some of our former Chief Presidency Magistrates, we find no Barristers among them. Let us enumerate them. There was Colonel Colbeck, dating back to 1862; then there were Mr. T. G. Clark, Colonel Weldon, Colonel Cloete, Colonel Macdonald Smith, Mr. O. R. Jones, and now Mr. Meredith. If "Truth's" accusation of a job having been perpetrated is justified at all, it is not on the grounds given.

IT was not to be supposed that the programme elaborated by the Superior Council of the French Navy would pass unchallenged by the acrid critics who are never tired of assailing the "feodalite maritime." Lieutenant Duboc, who writes in the "Yacht," has one great fault to find with it. He does not think that the battleships proposed could be better, but, granting them to be necessary, he considers it absurd to build only six of them if they are intended to be used against this country. He enforces with a good deal of cogency the opinion that, build as Frenchmen may, they can never build in adequate numbers to cope with our power. He therefore insists that it is necessary to find another means of overthrowing what the French are rather pleased to describe as "le Colosse aux pieds d'argile." Of course, his mind turns to the torpedo-boats and submarine vessels upon which a certain school of French officers build so much. It is undoubtedly true that the British Navy, in the words of M. de La Porte, is the logical resultant of the necessities of the country, but M. Duboc is quite convinced that the

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

METHUEN'S ADVANCE.

DESULTORY FIRING.

ENEMY RETIRE.

LONDON, MARCH 21.

Desultory firing was maintained throughout Sunday across the river at Warrenton where the enemy were concentrating their attention on the force which was guarding the Pont. On the arrival of a battery the enemy retired to Christiana.

REBELS AT PRIESKA SURRENDERING.

The rebels round Prieska have begun surrendering.

TRANSPORT ARRIVAL.

The transport Lindala arrived at Durban on Monday.

DESPATCH FROM LORD ROBERTS.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES BY THE BOERS.

PRESIDENT STEYN'S THREATS.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, 19th inst., says that President Steyn denies the alleged abuses of the white flag and charges the British with similar offences at Spionkop and elsewhere. He declares that if explosive bullets are used they were taken from the British.

Lord Roberts adds that the Boer allegations are unfounded, and it is, therefore, not desirable to continue the correspondence.

Lord Roberts further states: "President Steyn, in reply to my Proclamation, threatens to shoot as a traitor any burgher undertaking not to fight us.

The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland border."

LORD KITCHENER AT PRIESKA.

Lord Kitchener has arrived at Prieska.

LATER.

Lord Roberts in a despatch, dated Bloemfontein, 20th, says Lord Kitchener has occupied Prieska, the Transvaalers escaping across the River.

Thirty-three prisoners were taken and two hundred stands of arms, some supplies and explosives were captured.

[When Lord Kitchener was last heard of he was at Victoria Road organising troops to deal with the rebels in Griqualand. To reach Prieska, which is a hundred and thirty miles from Victoria Road, Lord Kitchener's forces must have marched along the Ongars river, a tributary of the Orange, at the rate of from twelve to fifteen miles a day. He is now 220 miles away from Lord Roberts, Prieska, noted for its Nitrate mines, being west of the junction of the Ongars and Orange rivers.]

WANTON DESTRUCTION BY THE BOERS.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

Mr. Wyndham, replying to a question in the Commons, said: "I understand that Mr. Chamberlain intends to issue a Proclamation dealing with the question of wanton destruction by the Boers.

"Last evening the Boers blew up the railway bridge over the Modder River between Bloemfontein and Brandfort."

[The Modder river, or a spruit of it called the Koranna, is spanned by a railway bridge about halfway between Bloemfontein and Brandfort, the distance from each town being roughly seventeen miles. Brandfort is on the Pretoria line, direct north-east of Bloemfontein.]

SURRENDER OF LADY GREY.

MR. CECIL RHODES' FREE-SPEAKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 21.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires London, March 20th:—

The following telegram appears in the "Times":—

Mafeking, 10th.—One or two shells are fired on each side daily, on an average. Forty-five miles of road from Fourteen Streams are reported clear.

The surrender of Lady Grey was obtained as follows:—A handful of loyalists, hearing of President Steyn's flight, sent the gaoler to the rebels, saying that Major Hook ordered them to surrender. Believing this to be serious, they complied, grounding their weapons. The news was despatched to the Major, who returned with seven Mounted Police also seizing Barkly East unopposed, although the rebels, learning of the ruse, cursed the English impudence in seizing the whole town in the teeth of hundreds of armed men.

The Bloemfontein organ, "Friend of the Free State," is being worked by a Committee of war correspondents, and issued daily as an official gazette. Mr. Rudyard Kipling is contributing to other newspapers which have been seized.

The burghers believed that thousands of our men were buried in the trenches. Among the Capetown prisoners the outcry was terrible when they were dis-illusionised.

MR. CECIL RHODES,

In an interview, remarks that England's luck has been invaluable, for she has made the silliest mistakes, and had most incompetent Generals. Why was Kimberley not relieved before? Why were troops kept messing about Rensburg and Colesberg? General Buller's actual instructions to Lord Methuen were to relieve the town and to convey the population to Orange River, which was scandalous and monstrous. Mr. Rhodes complained that the military during the siege were bound with red-tape and hampered the civilian energies in everything. A hundred deaths of soldiers would remain unpublished, though it would be officially announced with all solemnity, that the strength of a particular troop would be reduced by one, owing to the death of a mule.

It seems that the De Witt Company apprehend trouble with the War Office for exceeding their supply contracts at Mafeking, although they foretold the siege months ago, and it was certain that the town would not have survived otherwise.

TRANSPORTS.

The Austral, Guelph, Colombia, Sumatra, Avondale Castle, Dunoly Castle, and Doune Castle have arrived at Cape Town. The Dunvegan Castle and Majestic have reached Durban. The Simla has left Zanzibar. The Braemar Castle, Tagus Bavarian, Abyssinian, Gaika, Auranian and Custodian, with 7,500 troops, have sailed for the Cape.

THE FEARS CONCERNING THE GOLD MINES.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 21.

An "Indian Daily News" telegram, dated London, March 20th, says:—

In a speech at Bloemfontein, President Kruger is reported to have given expression to the admission that the Boers would be unable to keep the field longer than another month.

It is reported that the German Ambassador at Washington has conferred with Mr. Hay, the United States Ambassador at London, regarding the rumoured threats of the Transvaalers to blow up the gold mines at Johannesburg. It is also alleged that Germany is desirous of mediating on the subject, and to make representations to the belligerents in order to prevent either from using Johannesburg as a war, base during the present operations.

MAFEKING.

It is generally understood that the delay in relieving Mafeking is due to General Plumer carrying with him great loads of supplies for the besieged town and garrison.

Lieut. Clark Jervoice, of the South Lancashires, proceeds to South Africa shortly on field service.

MAHOMEDAN REJOICINGS.

A MESSAGE FROM LORD ROBERTS.

In response to the message of congratulation wired to Lord Roberts by Sardar Khan Bahadur Cassum Haji Mitha, the following reply has been received by him:—"On my own behalf and on that of the force I have the honour to command, I tender our sincere thanks to the Mahomedans of Bombay for their kind and most encouraging message. I can assure them we deeply feel the sympathy and good wish which are conveyed in your message from our fellow-subjects in a distant part of her Majesty's Empire." The telegram is dated Bloemfontein March 20.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, MARCH 21.

The "Standard" and the "Post" regard the Indian Budget as full of encouragement for India's Financial Future.

TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, MARCH 20.

The transport Jelunga has arrived at Southampton.

PLAGUE IN AUSTRALIA.

Five deaths from suspected plague have taken place at Adelaide.

THE LATE SIR W. LOCKHART.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 21.

An "Indian Daily News" telegram, dated London, March 20, says:—Universal regret is felt at home at Sir William Lockart's death. The Council of the Secretary of State for India to-day voted an address of condolence to Lady Lockhart, and the "Times" says "We can ill spare such men, specially when war-clouds are looming about the horizon."

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

On the assembling of the Legislative Council today the Viceroy referred feelingly to the great loss suffered in the death of Sir William Lockhart.

Replying afterwards to the question of the Hon'ble Mr. Allan Arthur, the Hon'ble Mr. Dawkins said it was the intention of Government to re-enact the Gold Note Act when it expired in July next, subject, however, to its being used only as the requirements of the Secretary of State rendered desirable.

Replying to the Hon'ble Mr. Charlu the Hon'ble Mr. Ibbetson said that the Government had received several memorials on the subject of the hardships endured in the matter of Succession duties under the Court Fees Act as affecting the Madras Native community. He could not make any announcement however as regards legislation, the matter being still under consideration.

The Hon'ble Mr. Dawkins then read the Budget Statement.

The Burma Courts Bill was then passed after a warm discussion.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibbetson's amendment for the regulation of petition-writers was passed and the Hon'ble Mr. Woodroffe's amendment to make it necessary to always have two barrister judges in the court was negatived.

The Currency Conversion Army Act was then passed without opposition, and the Council then adjourned to the 28th instant.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A BARRISTER.

BOLARUM, MARCH 21.

The charge of forgery and criminal breach of trust brought by Raja Ghian Ghiar, a Hyderabad sowcar, against Mr. N. F. Bhandara, barrister-at-law, was disposed of to-day, by Mr. Blakesley, First Assistant to the Resident, who sat as Sessions Judge at the Bolarum Residency. In a lengthy judgment, Mr. Blakesley decided that there was not sufficient direct evidence to convict the accused, who was accordingly acquitted, but the judge held that the accused had been guilty of grossly unprofessional conduct, for which he would be reported to the proper authorities with a view to his being disbarred.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The annual camp of the Bombay Light Horse closed yesterday when Brigadier-General Ventris inspected the corps. Drilling with it was a squadron of the Mounted Police and the inspection was an exhaustive one. The corps paraded shortly after daybreak and was put through a series of evolutions and then through reconnaissance work in which the corps showed more than average efficiency. The corps was commanded by Captain Cuffe and the other officers on parade were Lieutenants Major and Symons. The Light Horse has been in camp since the beginning of the month and both men and horses were yesterday in excellent form. They went through their inspection in excellent style and fully earned the encomium of the General. The camp was somewhat in the nature of a record, for the corps has added to its strength and paraded yesterday a number considerably in excess of any previous year. Moreover it has devoted the period of its training to work of the nature of that which it would be called upon to perform if on service. Morning after morning saw the several troops engaged in reconnoitring and scouting over ground as suitable as it well could be for concealing the presence of an enemy. The opportunity was taken of the Marine Battalion being under canvas for their musketry training to arrange for some useful work with them among the hills, but the chief feature of the training was probably the collective and independent firing at unknown distances, the objective being not the orthodox canvas target but rows of small brown country chatties placed one yard apart and barely visible at 700 yards. Several mornings' practice at these led up to good results, when the corps yesterday underwent its inspection some five per cent. of hits having been obtained. The dismounted work of the corps throughout showed that this branch is by no means neglected and that under its present organisation it can efficiently perform all the duties of mounted infantry, for the training of the horses to lead leaves very little to be desired. And those who saw them at work during the past few mornings would have seen that the corps rather prides itself on this part of its performances. If the Bombay Light Horse continues to progress as it recently has done we may look forward to seeing it, what each member would like to see it, a hundred strong with small mofussil detachments. During the camp really hard work has been done. Reveille at 5-30 each morning; parade at 6 and office at 10 notwithstanding, has brought men and horses into thoroughly good condition, and it was not without a feeling of regret that many left the camp yesterday. The General expressed himself well pleased with the results of his inspection.

The Colombo batteries are being equipped with the modern breech-loading guns, and the 16th instant witnessed the removal of one of the 7-inch muzzle loaders from Galle Face. The old guns are to be shipped to England, and the one dismounted was being drawn in a gun-carriage along Queen Street when one of the wheels of the carriage gave way opposite the R. A. barracks. The accident was a serious one, as, owing to the weight of the gun, nothing could be done at the time. As the gun was in the centre of the road, however, steps were taken to remove it to one side, and about 40 of the R. A. under command of Capt. Kirkpatrick and Lieut. Barrett were engaged in shifting the gun. This was done, and the gun now lies by the entrance of the officers' quarters, pending its removal in another carriage.

ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"THE STONES OF VENICE."

BIRMINGHAM MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

THE LONDON CONCERTS.

"DON JUAN'S LAST WAGER."

LONDON, MARCH 2.

It was inevitable that the first collection of Venetian pictures after Mr. Ruskin's death should be called "The Stones of Venice." Under this title Mr. Wake Cook exhibits water-colour drawings at the Fine Art Society's galleries in New Bond street, in his usual careful manner, and rather conventional way of seeing things. The drawings are pleasant to look upon, and are faithful transcripts of beautiful fact. Some of the scenes are catalogued with notes of Ruskin dicta appended, and with these we are less inclined to quarrel than with the somewhat topsy-turvey remarks on "Blessing the Font, Baptistry, St. Marks," that "The 14th century mosaics in the Baptistry are strangely Burne-Jones-like in colouring, and show the germs of those colour harmonies which blossomed later under the hands of Titian, Veronese, and Tintoretto."

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Stokes fill the inner gallery with pictures of life and landscape in Holland. These works are decidedly personal, and Mrs. Stokes is at once old and new in the style which attracts her. For her figure pieces are highly decorative, and they simultaneously recall thoughts of the Primitives and of the modern Dutch painter, Nico Jungmann. Yet is she no copyist. There is strong individuality and a tenderness in the women and children she dipicts on canvas and on the ground of gesso grosso, which makes colour look so pure and that seems to belong to such marked outlines and flat masses of colour as she uses. Her experiment in gesso grosso is both interesting and successful, particularly in "Mother and Child," "Friesland Orphan" and "Girl Reading." Tenderness and purity mark Mrs. Stokes's oil paintings on canvas also, though it is open to question whether this recent decorative school and affinity to early Flemish or Italian art has real stamina. Mr. Stokes's Cornish regard for air tonality and palpable atmosphere well suits Dutch landscape, and he has the art of eliminating positive prose without investing the levels, cattle, and mills of Holland with fancied poetry. Technically, and pictorially, he has some excellent little cabinet pictures present, a few of the best being: "Moonrise over the Dunes," "Morning: Milking," "Homewards," "The Omnibus Boat," "Wind on the Moor," "Christmas Eve," "Cottage Garden in Spring," and "The Road from the Heath."

The Birmingham Festival programme, is not, perhaps, a particularly brilliant one, but the times are scarcely propitious, and, moreover, the committee have been disappointed by Mr. Coleridge Taylor, who promised a new work, and finds himself unable to complete it in time. The only absolute novelty therefore will be a setting, by Mr. Elgar, of Cardinal Newman's "Dream of St. Gerontius," a poem which many years ago, attracted the attention of Dr. Antonin Dvorak, who intended it as a successor to his "St. Ludmila," but afterwards changed his mind. The "Dream" appeared among the Cardinal's "Verses on Various Occasions," in 1868, and it contains the fine hymn, "Praise to the Holiest in the Height," which is frequently sung in English churches to Dr. Dykes' tune. Portions of Byrd's Mass for five voices are also promised at Birmingham, but the music will be no novelty to Londoners, for the entire Mass will be performed every Sunday during the present Lent at the Brompton Oratory. The Mass, of which only one copy of the original edition, printed by Easte, is known to exist (in the British Museum), has recently been edited by Messrs. Barclay, Squire, and Terry, and republished. The idea that it was composed in Byrd's boyhood is now exploded, and it seems certain that the Mass dates from about 1588.

It is hoped, however, even now that some other living British composers may be represented by novelties at the Birmingham Festival, if only by short choral or orchestral works. Orchestral compositions, as, indeed, is expected where Dr. Richter is conductor, will play an important part in the festival programmes, and in the general repertory will also be one of Mr. Taylor's "Hiawatha" cantatas, Dvorak's "Spectres Bride," Sir Hubert Parry's "De Profundis, Bach's "St. Mathew" Passion, Brahms' "Requiem," and, of course, "Messiah" and "Elijah." Dr. Swinnerton Heap and Mr. Wiggin are organizing the chorus, whose rehearsals will commence early next month, and as Mr. C. J. Beale has been re-elected Lord Mayor of Birmingham for the year, another old friend of the Festival (and be it said, of every artist engaged thereat), Mr J. H. Johnstone has been elected chairman of the Orchestral Committee. The London rehearsals, under Dr. Richter, will commence September 24, and the Festival will be held October 2-5. The list of vocalists is not yet complete, but it is understood that Mr. Lloyd will sing in Mr. Elgar's new work and will, at Birmingham, make his last appearance at an English musical festival.

The mention of the Birmingham Festival naturally directs the mind to Leeds, where, also, Mr. Coleridge Taylor has promised to contribute a new work. No further step has, of course, yet been taken to appoint a conductor for Leeds in succession to Sir Arthur Sullivan; for the committee who will be charged with the selection of a musical director will not be appointed till the end of the year. Still, Leeds music lovers cannot, of course, help talking of a matter which is of such great interest to them, and there is just now a persistent rumour that a proposal will be made to divide the duties, a new conductor wielding the baton each day, the idea apparently being that the merits of the best man will thereby become obvious to all. Such a scheme, even if it were proposed in Committee, is, however, hardly likely to be carried, and, indeed, it failed of comparatively recent date, when it was last tried at the Philharmonic. Dr. Ritcher, we believe, will not be a candidate at Leeds, and it is probable that the plan adopted years ago will be followed, the secretary writing to three prominent musicians, inviting them to state their views, which the Committee will consider, and upon which they will vote.

The celebration of the Holi took place on Ash Wednesday in the presence of a large number of distinguished people, including the Belgian Minister and many noblemen and others connected with India. The announced programme was curiously varied, for it included a banjo solo, as well as a solo on the Sitar by Mr. Nilkanth Wagle, a sword dance by Miss Mabel Dorothy Hardy, Indian songs rendered by Mr. Zeauddin Balkhi, Mr. Sarath Kumar Ghosh, and Riazada Eshwar Das, and "The Joyous Procession bringing in the New Year."

Berlioz's mind must have been a trifle muddled after he had written his overture to "Rob Roy." In 1832 he told Hiller in one of his delightful letters that he was stupid enough to show this overture to Mendelssohn "against my own inclination, before I had settled a tenth part of it; I finished it and completed the instrumentation." Later he tells Humbert Ferrand that "after I had heard it (the overture) I did not think well of it, so I burnt it." Thus far Berlioz was dissatisfied. Some time afterwards, however, he made a good deal of use of important parts of the overture in one of his really great works—the "Harold in Italy" symphony. Obviously here he was satisfied. On Saturday afternoon Mr. August Manns brought to a hearing this "Rob Roy Macgregor" overture, for, it is said, the first time in England. Apparently two copies of the *Partitur* existed at one time, that which Berlioz himself burnt, and the other from which Mr. Manns' copy was made. This had long been a happy hunting ground for the flies in the library of the famous Paris Conservatoire. Well, we heard the work, and such curiosity as we had felt is amply satisfied. The overture will add never a cubit to Berlioz's musical stature. It is a pity the happy flies were disturbed. Madame Teresa Carreno was the pianist who, now that Mme. Sophie Menter has given up her visits to our concert rooms, stands pre-eminent as the "emancipated female" pianist. Her physical strength and tremendous technique are as ever quite out of the common. But even they cannot compel enthusiasm for Rubenstein's wind-baggy concertos, that in D minor being Mme. Carreno's choice now. Miss Clara Butt's singing of Mr. Elgar's really beautiful "Sea Pictures" is so good and so beautiful that those who have not followed her career might be induced to think her incapable of singing anything but the best music in the most artistic style. Her success is so great when she sings music worthy of her glorious voice that one cannot but wonder that she can ever be satisfied with aught but the best.

The magic name of Ysaye drew an enormous crowd to the seventh Symphony Concert of the season at the Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon. The great violinist's choice of the Beethoven Concerto must have been a source of delight to everyone present, more especially to those who could recall M. Ysaye's superb performance of the same work a year ago in conjunction with the Lamoureux orchestra. It is indeed late in the day to attempt to say anything fresh about one of the noblest pieces of art work to be found in the whole domain of music. It is only necessary to chronicle that the concerto on the present occasion received an absolutely great interpretation at the hands of the soloist, the perfection of phrasing, the purity and richness of tone displayed by M. Ysaye in the exquisite larghetto being only rivalled by his brilliant and technically masterful rendering of the intricate cadenzas and more florid parts of the work. Mr. Wood conducted admirably, as is his wont, and succeeded in keeping the orchestral accompaniments sufficiently well subdued, a none too easy task when some of M. Ysaye's pianissimos are taken into account.

Two novelties for violin and orchestra were also played by M. Ysaye. The first of these, a "Fantaisie Pastorale" by the Dutch violinist Benoit Hollander, with whose personality as an executant the London public is already familiar, proved to be, though possibly a trifle too long drawn out, a delightfully fresh work, containing many passages of marked elegance and beauty effectively laid out for the solo instrument. The second item, a "Ballade," composed by Percy Pitt, is a piece of considerable power and originality. The themes are broad and melodious, the harmonic treatment excellent, and the orchestration full of life and colour. We shall hope to hear of this work again in many quarters, since its technical difficulties are not such as to present any greater obstacle to its performance. It is needless to say that M. Ysaye was greeted with a perfect ovation after each of his contributions to the programme. Mr. Charles Knowles was the vocalist, and sang Mazart's seldom heard aria, "Mentreti lascio" with due expression and consequent effect; and the concert, which opened with a sympathetic rendering of Mozart's G. Minor Symphony, also included Wagner's "Faus" Overture; while Berlioz's brilliant 'Carfaval Romain" Overture brought the afternoon to a fitting close.

"We'll therefore take our ancient friend Don Juan," says Byron in quest of a hero. Mrs. Cunninghame Graham, author of the new play from the Spanish produced at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, appears to have said something of the same kind. "Don Juan's Last Wager," as duly acknowledged in the playbill, is based upon the late Senor Zorilla's "Don Juan Tenorio," the hero of which is no other than "our ancent friend" Don Giovanni, immortalised by Mozart's opera, the book of which is almost identical with a much older Spanish piece by Gabriel Telles, calling himself Tirso de Molina, that was adapted to our stage by Dryden's antagonist, Shadwell, under the title of "The Libertine" in 1676. Everybody knows the story of that incarnation of profligacy and crime Don Juan Tenorio, who, by the way, is believed to have been a real personage and a native of Seville; but it has pleased the author of the modern Spanish play to launch his hero upon a new course of criminal enterprises, which include a wicked bet, and conspiracy against the honour of a lady—indeed, two ladies—while he represents him as finally saved by penitence and the intercession of the spirit of his chief victim, not, indeed, from death, but at least from that appalling descent into the lower regions which in the opera libretto affords so much satisfaction to the right-minded spectator. Mrs. Cunninghame Graham's hero, to do him justice, shows signs of melting long before this supreme moment. He is much touched by the artless innocence of Soledad de Ulloa, the Commandant's daughter, whom he has induced to elope with him from a convent, and even goes on his knees to her aged father to be allowed to make reparation; but when he has slain the old Commandant in a sort of triangular duel, together with another acquaintance whose fiancee he has corrupted, Don Juan gives himself up once more to evil courses. When, after a lapse of five years, he returns to Seville, he finds that his late father has erected statues of his wicked son's victims in a cemetery; but so far from being impressed with this fact he impudently invites the statue of the Commandant to an orgy at his palace that night. We need hardly say that the statue duly appears, and summons the wicked profligate to his just doom, which, however is averted in the manner already indicated. The profligate has already received his death wound in another broil, and at the fall of the curtain he is seen in the arms of the statue of the unhappy Soledad which, like that of her father in a neighbouring corner of the cemetery, has become animated for the occasion. It will be seen that the play is a variation upon the older play. The audience appeared to be a little puzzled to know how they were to make a hero out of such a monster of wickedness, and some hitches in the management of the supernatural business detracted from the impressiveness of the last act, but the rare beauty of the mise-en-scene and the tuneful music composed for the occasion by Mr. Arthur Brahms lent efficient aid. The shortcomings of a first night's performance will, however, doubtless be speedily remedied. Mr. Martin Harvey's Don Juan was a little wanting in the gallantry and the romantic colouring which are needed to relieve the more sombre traits of the character of the hero. Miss De Silva on the other hand, played in a very sweet and innocent manner the part of the unhappy Soledad, and Mr. Herbert Sleath won favour by his spirited performance as Don Luis Mejia.

Mr. F. R. Benson's experiment in presenting "Hamlet" in its entirety is extremely interesting, if only from its rarity. So far as we have been able to discover, it has never been undertaken in this country before, with the exception, of course, of Mr. Benson's own similar production last year at Stratford-on-Avon; though in Germany, we believe, the attempt has, occasionally, been made. The result of it is to add something like a fourth of the original version to the ordinary acting play, and to swell the three hours' customary traffic of the stage to nearly six. For the experiment to be entirely successful, a very remarkable company of artists is necessary; and that, though all the actors and actresses engaged are, without exception, earnest and efficient, is scarcely forthcoming at the Lyceum. For Mr. Benson's Hamlet we have nothing but praise; it is essentially graceful, scholarly, and at times poetic. The main defects, are an occasional glibness, as though familiarity had bred a mechanism, and a certain mental want of colour in the passion, giving it the appearance rather of physical than of intellectual torment. But we venture to say that, after Mr. Forbes Robertson's, it is far and away the best Hamlet now before the public. The Polonius of Mr. Alfred Brydone, and the Claudius of Mr. Oscar Asche are excellent; Mr. Frank Rodney makes an admirable Laertes, and Mr. H. R. Hignett an intelligent Horatio. Mr. G. R. Weir is a capital First Gravedigger, while Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, Marcellus, Bernardo, and the First Player are well acted by Messrs. C. Quartermaine. Harcourt Williams, Arthur Whitby, W. Sherard, and E. A. Warburton. Mrs. F. R. Benson's Ophelia is somewhat colourless, and at times inaudible, but the Gertrude of Miss Ada Ferrar is extremely clever. The production was received with very considerable favour, and Mr. Benson's recalls were many.

VACCINATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—At the present moment, as it might interest the public to know the results of vaccination carried on in large institutions, I take this opportunity of placing before the public facts which have come under my personal observation.

The Managing Committee of the Jamsetjee Nessarwanjee Petit Parsee Orphanage having wisely resolved to get all the inmates of the Institution vaccinated, a request was made to Rao Bahadur Dr. S.V. Kantak Supdt. of Vaccination, Presidency Circle, who was kind enough to send to the Institution on two different occasions a calf and the vaccinating staff. In all about 150 members of the Institution were vaccinated and I am happy to state that the vaccine used for the purpose was active enough, as the resulting vesicles in re-vaccination took the from of primary vaccination. Managers of similar public Institutions would therefore consult the best interests of the children under their care by taking advantage of the facilities afforded by the Supdt. of the Dept. who promptly complies with all applications made to him.—Yours, &c.,

NAVROSJI HORMASJI COOPER.
Principal, The J. N. Petit Parsee Orphanage.

BOMBAY JACKAL CLUB.

POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

The members of the Bombay Jackal Club held their annual point-to-point races yesterday, the meeting being highly enjoyable and successful. The meet was at Jackal Hill, near Andheri, and there was a large gathering, the special train conveying the members and their friends to the place being crowded. The programme of sport provided was a capital one, and with a couple of exceptions the events produced interesting finishes. There were, unfortunately, several spills during the afternoon but the riders luckily escaped without injury. The course for the four races was laid over three miles of very close country and proceeded from the starting point at the foot of Jackal Hill through Chuckla Jungles and thence down through land beset with paddy bunds to a point close to the Tulsi main and near Shabar, whence the course returned to the starting point. The Pony Hunt Cup was won after a fine race by Lieutenant Courage's Cypress, but the race for horses was unsatisfactory, for while Col. Bull's Babel was an easy winner several of the competitors failed to go the correct course. The open event for ponies was a splendid and well-deserved victory for Hurlingham and its owner Mr. Fischer who, though thrown, pluckily re-mounted and came in first with plenty in hand. The horses, open event was also a notable victory, Sir John with Captain Daunt up, practically running away from the rest of the field. The jumping was not above the average, though in the competition for horses Mr. Proctor's Richmond only won by a point from Mr. T. L. Roberts' Hawthorne. The prize for pony jumping was easily carried off by Hurlingham. During the day the band of the Marine Battalion played interesting music. At the close of the races Lady Jenkins presented the prizes to the winners. The officials of the meeting were:—Stewards, Messrs. R. W. L. Dunlop, F. C. Macrae, J. H. Symington, J. A. Lord, H. E. E. Proctor, Captain A. J. Peile, R. A., and Lieut. A. V. Courage, R. N.; honorary secretary, Mr. E. Rivers Smith; Clerk of the Scales, Mr. T. L. Roberts; Starter and Judge, Mr. G. K. Remington. Details of the races are appended:—

Event No. 1.—"The Pony Hunt Cup. A Point-to-Point Race. For Ponies, 14 hands and under. Catch-weights, English and Australians, 12st.; Arabs and Countrybreds, 10st. 7lbs. Ponies 13·3 and under allowed 7lbs. Owners up. The Townsend Cup, a Challenge Cup value Rs. 500, in memory of the late G. H. Townsend, will be presented to the winner of this race, to be held for one year. Distance—About 3 miles.

Lieut A V Courage's g g gold Cypress 10st	1
Mr F J Rome's d aus m Mischief 12st	2
Capt F S Lillie's g g Petrel 10st	3
Capt H Crawfurd's ch aus p Portion 10st	0
Mr T D Moore's ch a p Odd Trick 10st 7lbs	0

The field got away to the first flag pretty well together, and then Odd Trick and Cypress led the way to the Paddy Bunds. At the turn for home Petrel got up to the front and led for a considerable distance but was displaced by Mischief. Approaching the bend for the final stretch Cypress going at a rattling pace challenged finely and won a good race by a length and a half. The same distance divided second and third. Portion fell over a double paddy bank and its rider Captain Crawfurd was thrown. The horse came in with its forelegs badly cut.

Event No. II.—The Hunt Cup. For Horses.—Point-to-Point Race. Catch-weights, English and Australians, 12st. 7lbs.; Arabs and Country breds, 10st. 7lbs. Owners up. The Townsend Cup, a Challenge Cup value Rs. 500, in memory of the late G. H. Townsend, will be presented to the winner of this race, to be held for one year. Distance—About 3 miles.

Lieut Col G H Bull's ch aus gold Babel late Christmas Box 12st 7lbs	1
Mr P F Fischer's b aus gold Atlas Moth 12st 7lbs	2
Lieut A V Courage's ch ch g g t Snipe 10st 7lbs	3
Mr W J M Peebles's g aus gold Centurion 12st 7lbs	0
Mr J Murdoch's b aus gold Merry 12st 7lbs	0
Mr Baldrey's b aus gold Bosun 12st 7lbs	0
Mr Oldman's ch aus gold Rufus 12st 7lbs	0
Mr J H Symington's b aus gold Macbeth 12st 7lbs	0
Mr R Seymour Hale's ch aus m Dancing Girl 12st 7lbs	0
Mr A C Cumberlidge's ch aus gold Laddie 12st 7lbs	0
Capt A J Peile's br aus gold Mial	0
Mr R W Harter's ch aus gold Bantam 12st 7lbs	0

There was a large field for this race, but it was disappointing as several of the riders lost the course. Babel came in a long way ahead of the others. Bosun and Macbeth were second and third past the judge's flags, but as they had failed to take the correct course Atlas Moth and Snipe who came in a good bit behind were placed second and third.

Event No. III.—Open Point to Point Race.—For Galloways and Ponies, 14 hands and under. Catch-weights, English and Walers, 12st. Arabs and Countrybreds, 10st. 7lbs. Ponies 13·3 and under allowed 7lbs. Prize a Cup. No race unless five starters. Distance—About 3 miles.

Mr P F Fischer's ch a p Hurlingham 10st 7lbs	Owner 1
Mr D N Graham's b aus p Foreigner 12st	Owner 2
Mr S McCausland's roan a p Rip 10st 7lbs	Owner 3
Mr G H Brock's g b p Satin 10st 7lbs	Mr A S Jeressaw 0
Capt F S Lillie's g a p Bugler 10st	Owner 0

Good race for first place. Hurlingham and Foreigner went away from the rest and at the turn for home Hurlingham was leading. He went down, however, over a paddy bund and his rider was thrown into a cactus hedge. Mr. Fischer was unhurt, and remounting quickly caught up Foreigner whom he had well in hand and turning into the last stretch he came away finely and won easily. Rip and Satin came in together a considerable distance behind and had a good race for third place.

Event No. IV.—Open Point to Point Race.—For Horses.—Catch-weights, English and Walers, 12st. 7lbs.; Arabs and Countrybred 10st. 7lbs. Prize, a Cup No Race unless five starters. Distance—About 3 miles.

Mr W D Graham's b a h Sir John 10st 7lbs	Capt Daunt 1
Lieut A V Courage's b a h Osman 10st 7lbs	Owner 2
Mr Marshall Reid's b aus gold Saturn 12st 7lbs	Mr J A Lord 3
Mr E Rivers Smith's b aus m Grisette 12st 7lbs	Mr J H Symington 0
Mr P F Fischer's br aus gold Dakin 12st 7lbs	Owner 0
Mr J H Symington's b aus gold Protector 12st 7lbs	Mr W D Graham 0

Saturn made the pace from the start for a considerable distance, but fell, and Protector went to the front with Osman second, Dakin third, and Sir John fourth. Remounting Saturn Mr. Lord got well up again, but when about 500 yards from home Sir John took the lead and coming away at a good pace won with the greatest of ease. Two lengths separated second and third.

Event No. V.—Jumping Competition. For Horses.

Mr Proctor's Richmond	1
Mr T L Roberts' b aus g Hawthorne	2
Mr J C G Bowen's b aus g Scot	3

Ten entries.

Event No. VI.—Jumping Competition. For Ponies.

Mr P F Fischer's Hurlingham	1

Six entries.

FANCY FETE RAFFLES.

In the Raffle Series No. 1 in connection with the Fancy Fete, the prizes were won as follows:—First prize ticket, No. 200; second prize ticket, No. 56; and third prize ticket, No. 131.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

DOUBLE RACQUET HANDICAP.

The following are the draw for the above handicap:—

H Beville
J C Coldstream +4
J G Greig
M D Wood −6
A Fosbery
F Lillie Scr
E Comber
I Alston Scr
Haig Bowu
D B Buaing +6
F Tobba
W P Peobey Scr
S Menzies
J Strick Bye Scr

First round to be played off by Friday, 23rd instant.
Second round to be played off by Saturday, 24th instant.
Final round to be played off by Monday, 26th instant.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 31st March, 1900

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	20	7	21 p.m.	12	51
Teheran	21	2	29 a.m.	...	27
Suez	21	2	45 p.m.	..	12

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 21st March 1900.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	0	09	0	1
" Karachi	0	24	0	1
" Madras	0	30	0	3

PRIZE-DISTRIBUTION AT TARDEO.

HOMES FOR POOR PARSIS.

A DISTRIBUTION of prizes to the boys and girls of the Bai Ratanbai Framji Panday School took place, yesterday afternoon, near the school-building, Tardeo, H. E. Lord Northcote presiding. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen present on the occasion.

The proceedings opened by a number of children singing a Gujarati song of welcome to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote.

Khan Bahadur Muncherji C. Marzban then read a report, from which we give the following extracts:—

Although two months have not yet elapsed since your Excellencies' arrival in this City, you have already in so many different ways, evinced an active interest in and an earnest sympathy with movements of public good and public utility, that we have ventured to solicit your Excellencies' presence here this evening. Among the numerous questions of vital importance to the public, which claim Your Lordship's attention at the present day, not the least important are the questions of public health and public sanitation, and it will be gratifying to your Excellencies to know, that the proceedings of this afternoon are connected with one of these questions. Since the beginning of the Plague, the Government have considered the opening up of the congested portions of the City, the improvement of existing insanitary buildings and the construction of new ones in strict conformity with the principles of sanitation, as the most important means of relieving this City from the ravages of that fell disease. I may state that long before the Plague broke out, the Parsi Community had realized the necessity of providing for their poor co-religionists suitable lodgings constructed on proper sanitary principles. The scheme of these houses is based on the system adopted by the executors of the late Mr. Peabody, for the housing of the labouring classes in the City of London. Carpenters, fitters mechanics, clerks, Government pensioners, menial servants and others of that class, are housed in these lodgings, not forgetting the widow. At present, there are 17 separate tenements and the 18th has now almost approached completion. 114 families, consisting in all, of about 575 souls, are at this moment accommodated in these houses, situated in three different streets.

Two blocks of buildings are reserved entirely for poor widows who are required to pay a nominal rental of only 8 annas per room. In other cases, the rent varies according to the size of the rooms, etc., from Re. 1-8 to Rs. 8-8 per mensem. The proceeds of the rent which is levied on the cost at about 3 per cent and which amount to about Rs. 7,000 annually, are devoted mainly towards the payment of rates and taxes, insurance of the structures and for repairs. The small balance which remains, is allowed to accumulate at interest, to form a fund for the construction of additional buildings in the future. The following figures will show the sanitary condition of these dwellings. During the years 1897-98-99, all three years of Plague, the average total mortality amongst the parsees in this city was 33 per thousand. During the same period, the mortality among the people living here has, according to my calculation, been at the rate of only 20 per thousand. I will not trespass upon your Excellencies' time by reading the long

take the high educational position which they occupy at the present day, and which has conducted so many of them on the path of literary success. (Applause). I will not, ladies and gentlemen detain you from the interesting ceremony of prize-giving which is about to take place. I am sure that I wish that the gracious lady who laid the foundation-stone of your building was present here to see the success of the movement If my wife and I may make ourselves the mouth-piece of Lord and Lady Sandhurst, I am sure, I am justified in expressing the pleasure which they would have felt if they had been amongst you, and on our part we beg to return you our hearty thanks for the welcome you have accorded us. I hope, I may add, one single word, and that is to express a request which we both of us most heartily make that the authorities of the school may find a convenient day to give our young friends who have entertained and pleased us so much to-day a whole holiday, to which they are so justly entitled. (Loud applause.)

Her Excellency Lady Northcote then distributed the prizes.

On the motion of Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart., a vote of thanks was passed to H. E. the Governor for presiding and Lady Northcote for distributing the prizes.

H. E. the Governor, having briefly replied, the proceedings terminated.

AHMEDABAD NEWS.

Our correspondent, writing on Tuesday, says:—Mr. Trikamlal Ugarchund, Vakil, filed an appeal, in the Sessions Court, against the decision of Mr. Pratt, the Assistant Collector and First Class Magistrate of the Duskaroi Taluka, cancelling the order of sanction to prosecute a Hindu woman, named Bai Harkore, for instituting a false complaint. The facts of the case showed that Bai Harkore prosecuted in the Court of the Second Class Magistrate of Viramgaum, one Sitaram, a Hindu, for committing an assault upon her. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the accused. Sitaram, who appealed for sanction to prosecute Bai Harkore for filing a false complaint against him, under Section 182 of the Indian Penal Code. On appeal being preferred by Bai Harkore, against the order of sanction granted by the Second Class Magistrate, Mr. Pratt revoked the order granting the sanction and affirmed the appeal of Bai Harkore. Against this decision Mr. Trikamlal, the vakil for Bai Harkore, preferred a second appeal before Mr. DeSouza, the Sessions Judge. The following, among others, were the grounds of appeal:—That Mr. Pratt, in hearing the appeal, acted beyond jurisdiction; that Mr. Pratt, being the Divisional Magistrate of the taluka of Duskaroi, had no power to hear appeals coming from the taluka of Viramgaum; that Mr. Gibb, the District Magistrate, alone has the authority to entertain and decide such appeals; that Mr. Pratt was never invested by Government with such powers to hear appeals from the Viramgaum taluka. It was argued by the Public Prosecutor for the Crown, that Mr. Pratt was empowered by the District Magistrate to hear all appeals coming from the said taluka during his absence from the city, and that he was once invested with the powers of a District Magistrate at Sholapore. The learned Judge decided that the powers of a District Magistrate could be conferred only by the Government, and it was beyond the authority of a District Magistrate to appoint another such officer. Under these circumstances he referred this case for the orders of the High Court.

His Excellency Lord Northcote, on his arrival here presented a sum of Rs. 1,000, in aid of the Famine Relief Fund of Ahmedabad. On the day of his arrival he held a reception at Shahi Bang, where about thirty Natives and thirty Europeans were invited.

The poor-house of Ahmedabad contains nearly 1,400 inmates, including males, females and children. Presents of vegetables, fruits and clothing are everyday received by Dr. Jamsetjee Dinshaw Khambata, the Superintendent, from the charitable people of the city. The Mahipatram Orphanage is sadly in want of funds, as the number of orphans is increasing everyday and the existing fund is not sufficient to provide them all.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 22nd March 1900.

1. The Annual Inspection of the Corps by the General Officer Commanding will take place on Saturday next the 24th instant. Fall in at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground at 4-15 p.m. Dress—Review Order,—Khaki.

(2) Every member who is not on leave, is required by the Volunteer Regulations to be present or to furnish a medical certificate. Leave will only be granted for good cause shown.

(3) Rifles, &c., brought to Head-quarters by Members will be cleaned and re-issued to them within a few minutes after receipt.

(4) The Commanding Officer trusts that Officers Commanding Companies will endeavour to get every available member of their Company to attend this Parade.

(5) The Non-Commissioned Officers and Volunteers must be warned that they must have their Arms, Accoutrements, Buttons and Helmet fittings well cleaned for this Parade.

(6) Ammunition or black boots must be worn by all members (except Officers and Cyclists). Those who have not yet drawn boots can obtain them on application at Headquarters.

(7) As the Arms, &c., will be returned to the Armoury after the Inspection, members are requested to bring their Jags and Sight-protectors in their Pouches to this parade. Arrangements regarding re-issue of Rifles will be made for members who may not have completed their Class Firing by the 24th instant.

Cadets will be conveyed in special tram cars as follows:—

Byculla School—One double car to leave Victoria Gardens at 3-30 p.m.

St Mary's College—Two double cars to leave Victoria Gardens at 3-30 p.m.

2. Candidates for proficiency certificates will parade at 6-30 a.m. to-morrow Friday the 23rd inst., at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground. Dress—Drill order, Khaki.

3. Targets will be ready from 7 to 8 a.m. to-morrow (Friday) the 23rd instant at the Revolver Range of the 21st Bombay Infantry (Marine Lines) for all Officers and Sergeants who may wish to practice.

4. In consequence of the death of H E Sir William Lockhart Commander-in-Chief mourning will be worn by all Officers when in Uniform, for a fortnight from the 19th inst.

5. There will be Drill for K Company (Cyclists) at 6-45 a.m. to-morrow (Friday). Fall in at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground. Dress—Plain clothes. Rifles will be carried.

6. The following promotion will take effect in H Company from this date:—No. 4410 Cadet J Brown to be Corporal.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER (LIGHT HORSE & RIFLES) RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

INTER COMPANY VOLLEY FIRING COMPETITION.

Fired for at Cooria on Saturday the 17th March 1900

Open to Teams of six from any Company not above the rank of Corporal

A Company may enter any number of Teams, but no member can shoot in more than one Team

Entrance fee—Rs 5 per Team
Targets—Six Head and Shoulder Targets
Distance—500 yards
No of Volleys—Five
Position—Any Military

CONDITIONS.

1 The Team to be commanded by a N C Officer not below the rank of Corporal
2 Loading to be from the Pouch
3 Hits and Ricochet hits (but not hits by fragments of bullets) to count one point
4 The Team to be formed up at 500 yards from the target in single rank

1st Prize—Rs 20 and half the Entrance fees
2nd Prize—Rs 10 and half the Entrance fees
3rd Prize—Rs 10 for Drill and Form.
4th Prize—Rs 10 to the Commander of the Winning Team
Entrance fee Rs 5 per Team

All Entries to be made, and Entrance money paid on the ground

1st Prize—Rs 37-8 won by "D" Company 1st Team-Percentage 39'38
2nd Prize—Rs 27-8 won by "F" Company 2nd Team-Percentage 23'33
3rd Prize—Rs 10. For Drill and Form won by 1st Team "B" Company
4th Prize—Rs 10 To the Commander of the winning Team won by Color Sergeant H Black "D" Company

All who have turned the pages of Roget's "Thesaurus" will be amused by the "tautological tale" of a writer in "St. Nicholas," who dreamed that she was Dr. Roget. Here is a brief specimen of her tale. Dr. Roget, who was not thin, hears a man admonish him to hasten, with the word:—

"'Come, come, my good fellow bowl, trundle roll along!"

"'H'm,' thought I; 'what it is to be stout! Quoting my very words is he? I'll show him And turning I exclaimed:

"'Go! be gone! get you gone! get away! go along! be off! off with you! get along with you! go about your business! go your way! avaunt! aroynt! away with you?

"'Whew!' cried the saucy man. 'What an irascible, susceptible, excitable, irritable, fretful, fidgety, peevish, hasty, quick, warm, hot, touchy, testy, pettish, waspish, snappish petulant, peppery, fiery, passionate choleric fellow it is!'

"This annoyed me.

"Sir,' I said, 'you shall not ridicule, deride, laugh at, mock, quiz, rail, flout, twit, roast, taunt, or make game of me; this is ill-treatment annoyance, molestation abuse, oppression, persecution, outrage, of a kind that I shall not stand!'

"The man apparently wanted to fight, for he continued meditatively: 'What a corpulent stout, fat, plump, chubby, chub-faced, lubberly, hulky, unwieldy——'

"This was more than flesh and blood could stand." There is something almost worthy of Friar John himself in this dialogue.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE VICTORIA SWIMMING BATH.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice of Bombay, performed last evening the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Swimming Bath on the Kennedy Sea Face, opposite the Esplanade Bandstand and south of the Back Bay Swimming. Invitations to attend the ceremony had been issued in the name of Messrs. Dady and Framroz C. Golwalla, the proprietors of the Bath; and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present to witness the ceremony, for which an excellent shamianah had been erected. The Chief Justice, on arrival, was cordially received by Mr. K.M. Shroff, the proprietors of the Bath, and others, and was escorted to the seat reserved for him. Among those present were Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmaram, Messrs. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersay, H. M. Chichgar, R. D. Setna, Manekshah J. Talevarkhan, M. K. Lalcaca, J. E. Modi, R. B. Paymaster, M. M. Murzban, Kazi Kabirudin, S. B. Sanjana, Byramjee N. Servai, Jehangir B. Petit, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, Messrs. Framroze R. Joshi, B. P. Lalcaca, Rustomjee B. Spencer, Furdoonjee P. Pavri, Cursetjee M. Shroff, Eduljee Merwanjee Dubash, Jugmohundas Vandravandas Bhaisett, Kalliandas Keshavdas, &c., The Bath, which will be 110 feet long and 40 feet wide, will cost more than Rs. 30,000, and its management will be conducted by the proprietors, Messrs. Golvalla. The plans and the rules and regulations have been approved by the Board of the Bombay Improvement Trust. Separate hours for swimming have been fixed for the members of the different native communities, and an hour a day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 3 to 4 p.m., has been set apart for ladies. Electric light will be provided on the premises to enable swimmers to enjoy a "dip" even after sunset; and it is intended to run a steam-pipe by the four inner sides of the Bath to make the sea-water in the Bath lukewarm during December and January with a view to render the Bath available for use even during the cold months for invalids and rheumatics. The Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Kt., is president of the Bath Committee, which consists of the Hon'ble Mr. Bomonji Dinshaw Petit, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon'ble Mr. Vijbhookandas Atmaram, Mr. K.N. Kabraji, Mr. H. M. Chichgar, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, Mr. K. M. Shroff, and Mr. Rustom B. Paymaster, as honorary secretary.

Mr. Rustom B. Paymaster read a statement, from which the following are extracts:—

On behalf of the proprietors of the Victoria Swimming Bath, I beg leave to read before you a short statement containing some facts regarding the excellence of swimming as a physical exercise, and the work performed by the Victoria Swimming Bath during the last four years, and a few facts relating to the new salt water Bath. It is justly said that "Swimming is the most universal of all physical exercises. As a pastime it has its votaries in every country; and that skill in the exercise of superlative importance need not be dwelt upon, seeing that ability to swim may enable a man to save his life or the lives of others. Notwithstanding all these advantages of swimming which the different nations of the world have enjoyed from the very remotest period in the world's history, it is a lamentable fact that the natives of this vast seaport town have not had enough facility for swimming in the sea with which their birth place is surrounded. That the want of adequate provision for the acquisition of the art of swimming had been long felt, nobody can gainsay. How that want was supplied to a very small extent by Messrs. Dady and Framroze C. Golvala by the establishment of a fresh water Bath in the compound of a property at Colaba through the kind courtesy of Bai Sakerbai, widow of Chanda Ramjee, and through the influential excertions of Mr. Nanu N. Kothari and Mr. Hormusjee M. Chichgur, the two well known solicitors of the firm of Messrs. Nanu and Hormusjee of this city, was mentioned at length in a statement that was read out before you, Sir, when you had kindly condescended to preside in September last at the prize-distribution in connection with that institution. That Bath owing to its limited area and owing to the want of sufficient rooms for the convenience of bathers was offered for use to both the sexes of the Parsee community only. The Sea Bath, the foundation-stone of which you have so have kindly consented to lay to-day, and with which your honoured name will be ever associated, will be for the use of all the native communities at different specified hours, and for both the sexes. It will be the first of its kind in this Presidency, or for that matter in the whole of India so far as the natives are concerned. For a grant of this valuable site for the purpose on a nominal rent of Rs. 10 per year for a period of 99 years, both the proprietors, and the native communities are greatly indebted firstly to that able and energetic chairman of the Bombay Improvement Trust, the Hon'ble Mr. W. C. Hughes, then to the Government of Bombay and also to the Government of India. The Bath shall be 110 feet long and 40 feet wide. Of the entire length of the Bath 75 feet shall have a depth of sea water from 8 to 10 feet for swimmers, and 35 feet shall have a depth of from 4 to 5 feet only for the safety of non-swimmers to practise and to acquire the art of swimming, and for a mere sea water bath for invalids and weak persons. Electric light will be provided on the premises to enable swimmers to enjoy a "dip" even after sunset; and it is intended to run a steam pipe by the four inner sides of the Bath to make the sea water in the Bath lukewarm during December and January with a view to render the Bath available for use even during the cold months for invalids and rheumatic. The Bath will have forty rooms for the use of swimmers. Its management will be conducted by the proprietors themselves, whose mastery of the art of swimming was made sufficiently manifest in September and October last, when a number of exhibitions were held when their pupils performed wonderful feats of swimming, and in recognition of which one of the proprietors was presented with a gold medal at the instance of his numerous pupils under your presidency on the occasion. The work of the proprietors will be under the direction of a Bath committee. The construction of the Bath will coast about Rs. 30,000. The plans, and the rules and regulations have been approved by the board of the City Improvement Trust. The design has been prepared by Khan Bahadur Ratanji Dhunjibhoy and the contract for the work has been given to Mr. Dhonduba Hanmantrao, who hopes to finish the work in June next. That the undertaking is already appreciated by the native public of Bombay will be seen from the fact that soon after the announcement of the commencement of the work several ladies and gentlemen have sent in their names as donors and life members of the health-giving institution, and many have expressed their desire to join as ordinary members as soon as the Bath is ready. Since 1,159 persons from the Parsee community only acquired the art of swimming within the last four years in the fresh water Bath, including members of all classes, professional gentleman, merchants, traders, clerks, collegians, school boys, &c., it is expected that the new salt water Bath will be resorted to by large numbers from all the native communities. With these few words, Sir, I now respectfully request you on behalf of the proprietors and the committee to proceed to perform the interesting function of laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria Swimming Bath for native residents of the second city in the British Empire.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins then proceeded to the spot fixed for the foundation-stone, and after it was lowered, declared it well and truly laid. The silver trowel with which mortar was applied to the stone, was inclosed in an elegant case and presented to the Chief Justice. It bore the following inscription:—Victoria Swimming Bath. The foundation-stone of this Bath was laid by the Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Kt., Chief Justice of Bombay, on 21st March, 1900."

The Chief Justice then returned to his seat, and in addressing the meeting, said:—

The address which had just been read had taken such a complete survey of the art of swimming, had traced back appreciative allusions to so remote a date, and collocated so many weighty opinions as to its merits called from all periods of literature, that he felt his task was considerably lightened. Where Homer, Shakespeare and Burton, to mention no others, agreed, it would be idle for him to add his mite of praise. The bath had in the past been one of the most popular and fashionable pastimes of social life. Not only do we read of it as one of the fashions of ancient Rome and Greece, but history tells us of the handsomely equipped bath of the Persians, and in particular of the splendour of those of Darius the Persian King. (Cheers.) It is, therefore, most appropriate that the Parsis of Bombay should followin the footsteps of the Persians of old, and erect these baths, the laying of whose foundation stone had brought them together this evening. (Cheers.)—While the habit of bathing and the art of swimming had been practised almost instinctively by nearly every people of the world, in this country the climatic conditions made the Bath a necessary and essential part of the daily life. It probably is no great stretch of the imagination to trace the present popularity of baths in England in some measure to habits formed by Englishmen, in this country, and transplanted by them to the coldest climate of Europe. If this be so, then India can claim to have done much to influence and improve the conditions of English modern life. There was hardly a town of importance in England that had not its public baths. To turn to the baths on which their interests were then principally centered, he felt no doubt that they would be greatly appreciated in Bombay. The popularity attained even by the existing baths, though they could not claim the attractions, which their successor promised, were an ample guarantee of that. But beyond opportunities of pleasurable and health-giving exercise, these baths would, he believed, have important ulterior influences. They would afford one more meeting ground, where genial companionship would ripen into firm and sympathetic friendship willing to bear a part in every storm of fate; and thus help, in consonance with that when so many of them had at heart, to draw men and classes into closer touch with each other. (Hear, hear.) Much therefore, he said, was due to those whose energies had contributed to the realization of the scheme for the new baths, and among them he felt sure all would agree that the Brothers Messrs Golwalla, Mr. Shroff and Mr. Paymaster merited special mention. (Cheers.) Messrs. Golwalla Brothers had spared neither time nor trouble to teach and popularize the art of swimming, and there was no more strenuous votary of the art than Mr. Shroff, who could boast of a son and three daughters, all expert swimmers like himself, and he believed life members of the Bath. (Cheers.) The efforts of these gentlemen, so successful in the past would, he felt sure, be continued with unabated vigour, and it was with every confidence that he wished all success to the new baths and expressed the conviction that they would be a lasting benefit to the City of Bombay. (Applause.)

Mr. H. M. Chichgar proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Lawrence Jenkins for having presided at the meeting and performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, in seconding the proposition, said that they were all agreed that, although Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins had been only a short time among them, their name had become a household word in Bombay, Dr. Ismail was sure the proposition would be carried with acclamation.

A rich bouquet of flowers was presented to Sir Lawrence Jenkins, and garlands of flowers were put round the necks of the members of the committee and their honorary secretary, Mr. Rustom B. Paymaster. The proceedigs terminated with three cheers for Sir. Lawrence Jenkins as he left the shamianah.

A BRITISH CHAPLAIN AND THE BOERS.

REPORT TO SIR C. WARREN.

The correspondent of Laffan's Agency sends the following from Chieveley Camp, February 6:—

I am enabled to send you a hurriedly-made copy of —or, rather, copious extracts from—an officer's Report of what took place on Spion Kop after the fight:—

"To General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Commanding Fifth Division, South Natal Field Force.

"General,—I have the honour, in compliance with your request, to make the following Report of what occurred on the Spion Kop during the three days (Thursday, January 25; Friday, 26th; and Saturday 27th), during which I was engaged in the painful duty of burying the dead who fell there on the previous Wednesday.

"At daybreak on Thursday I went to the scene of the previous day's conflict. On reaching the plateau of the Spion Kop, I found several of the officers of the R.A.M.C. attending to our wounded, and also a considerable number of Boers in possession of the ground. Numbers of other Boers were streaming up in all directions, and soon there was a very large force of them present in all parts of the plateau.

"Shortly an officer of the R.A.M.C. came to me, asking if I could speak German as one of the commandants had forbidden, so he understood, the removal of the wounded. On inquiry I found this to be the case, and after explaining to a Field Cornet that delay in removing wounded men was a very serious matter and certain to aggravate their sufferings, he allowed the removal of the wounded in our immediate neighbourhood. For about half-an hour I was then engaged going about with the two medical officers collecting identification papers and letters belonging to the dead.

"A clerically-dressed Boer, who said he was secretary to General Botha, then came up, and asked me to go and speak with the General, who was on horseback at a short distance. In polite terms the General asked me who had given leave for the removal of the wounded. I told him that the removal had already been objected to, but that one of the Field Cornets had subsequently allowed it to take place. The General then said that he was in supreme command, and that he had given no permission. Afterwards, he said, 'Well, the time is going by, and these wounded men should be seen to. It is one thing my dealing with General Warren, and another, as you see my dealing with other Commanders. How am I to know what other Generals will do? Now, take this message to your General. Tell him we want to fight out this quarrel in a Christian way; that I should be clearly understood between us what is to be done after a fight (schlacht) and during the war (krieg). But there must be reciprocity, there must be reciprocity. Ask him to send me a list of those of our people who are in his hands. Their relations and friends want to know whether they are alive or dead. I myself will give at all times the fullest information of those we have belonging to you. That he may count upon. As I give up your wounded he should give up ours. You can now carry away the wounded and bury the dead. There are also six wounded who are prisoners in my hospital down there. They can also be taken away, or I will give an order that one of our ambulances convey them to any place decided on by your medical authorities. There is with us in hospital a wounded superior officer. He is not to be removed. I will decide about him later on.' After shaking hands with the General and his Secretary, and thanking the former for the permission he had granted, I withdrew.

"The officers of the R.A.M.C. then carried out the removal of the wounded, and the Rev. Mr. Gedge, Church of England, Chaplain to the Forces, and I, on Thursday, buried 138 dead. On Friday 20 were buried, and on Saturday 85.

"I venture to think it a matter of considerable importance to draw attention to the attitude of the Boers whom we met during the carrying out of our duties on these three days. After collecting all the identification papers, letters, and personal property of the fallen, and whilst waiting for the graves to be dug, we chaplains were unoccupied, and therefore had plenty of time to talk to the Boers around us. For my part, I confess that the deepest impression has been made on me by these conversations, and by the manly bearing and straightforward, outspoken way in which we were met. There were two things I particularly noted. As there was no effort made to impress us by what was said (they spoke with transparent honesty and natural simplicity, and in nearly all cases the conversations were begun by us), so there was a total absence of anything like exultation over what they must consider a military success. Not a word, not a look, not a gesture or sign, that could by the most sensitive of persons be construed as a display of their superiority.

"Far from it, there was a sadness, almost anguish, in the way in which they referred to our fallen soldiers. I can best convey the truth of this statement and show that there is no attempt at exaggeration in using the word 'Anguish,' by repeating expressions used, not once, but again and again by great numbers of them as they inspected the ghastly piles of our dead. 'My God! What a sight!' 'I wish politicians could see their handiwork.' 'What can God in Heaven think of this sight?' 'What a cursed war that brings these poor fellows to such an end!' 'We hate this war. This war is accursed. Every day, on our knees, we all pray that God will bring this war to an end.' 'It is not our war; it is a war of the millionaires. What enmity have we with these poor fellows?' 'Would that Chamberlain, Rhodes, and the millionaires could see these trenches and graves.' 'When will this unjust war end?' 'We hate all war. We are men of peace. We want to go back to our homes and farms, to sow our seed and reap our fields, and not to make war. Good God! When will it end?'

"I do not hesitate to say that in the three days I spoke with some hundreds, standing around us in groups of from ten to twenty. Apart from several foreigners, chiefly Swiss and Italians, the Boers seemed to me to belong to the farmer class, some dressed like English gentlemen farmers, and others, who formed the majority, less well dressed, but with no signs of raggedness about them, and with scarcely any evidence of the wear and tear of the campaign. I think I have written enough to convey to the military authorities an idea of the friendly and courteous bearing of the Boers towards the Chaplains, and of their sympathetic and respectful attitude towards our fallen comrades during our visit to Spion Kop in discharge of our duties.

"Again and again, I will add, they expressed their admiration for the bravery of our men. Several used the expression 'Ausser ordentlich tapfere" (extraordinarily brave.) One matter more in the interest of mutual courtesy, I will end with. During the burial of our dead, the Boers informed me that they had orders not to fire a shot. It was by some inadvertence I am convinced, that both on Friday and Saturday our guns opened fire. Several of the Field Cornets referred to this action on our part with regret, one with considerable warmth and indignation.

"I have the honour to be, General, your obedient Servant.

"Reginald F. Collins, Chaplain to the Forces.
"January 30."—*Standard.*

Fifteen elephants were captured in the Kakankote Kheddas, Mysore, on Saturday morning, by Messrs. Rama Rao and Muthaiya.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

DIARY OF THE WAR.

Sept. 9, 1899.
The Indian Contingent asked for.

„ 25.—5,600 men, 18 guns, 2,950 animals, 330 vehicles, and 1,070 camp followers had been embarked at Bombay and Calcutta for South Africa.

Oct. 7.—The Reserves called out in the United Kingdom.

„ 9.—The Boer Ultimatum presented to the British Agent at Pretoria, requiring the withdrawal of British troops from the frontier, and that the British reinforcements at sea should not be landed at South African ports.

„ 10.—The advanced guard of the Indian Contingent landed at Durban (3,400 miles from Bombay). Boer Ultimatum received, and reply sent. Free Staters cross into Natal.

„ 11.—Laing's Nek occupied by Transvaal Boers.

„ 12.—Western border crossed 40 miles south of Mafeking. Enemy cut railway and telegraph. British Agent leaves Pretoria.

„ 13.—Boers shell an armoured train south of Mafeking. Lieut. Nesbitt and crew captured.

„ 14.—Mafeking attacked. Enemy repulsed with loss. Newcastle abandoned.

„ 15.—Railway destroyed and telegraph wires cut by Free Staters south of Kimberley.

„ 20.—British victory at Glencoe. Our losses: Killed 36, wounded 191.

„ 21.—Elandslaagte. Another victory. British losses: Killed 51, wounded 210. The enemy lost 100 killed and wounded, with 200 missing and 300 captured.

„ 24.—Enemy defeated at Rietfontein. Our casualties: Killed 12, wounded 103, missing 2. Successful sortie from Kimberley.

„ 25.—Mafeking. General attack repulsed. Boers lose 50 killed.

„ 26.—Yule's column arrives at Ladysmith.

„ 30.—Battle at Ladysmith. Two British battalions and a mountain battery captured by Boers. British losses: 300 killed and wounded. General Buller arrives Capetown.

„ 31.—Mafeking. Second attack repulsed. Enemy lose heavily. Our casualties: 6 killed (2 officers) 5 wounded.

Nov. 2.—Ladysmith isolated. Telegraph wires cut. Fighting outside the town. Boer camp to the west shelled. Reported rout of Free Staters and capture of their camp. Cape Colony invaded by Free State Boers. Norval's Pont captured.

„ 3.—Colenso evacuated. Martial law proclaimed in northern districts Cape Colony. Garrisons withdrawn from Stormberg and other stations.

„ 7.—Kimberley. Bombardment commences.

„ 9.—General attack on Ladysmith, Boers sharply repulsed. First Transport (Roslin Castle) arrives Capetown.

„ 10.—Fighting Belmont, north of Orange River Station. Lt.-Col. Keith Falconer and Lt. Wood killed.

„ 15.—Armoured train from Estcourt shelled by Boers. Mr. Winston Churchill, news correspondent, and about 58 men taken prisoners.

„ 23.—Battle near Belmont, Western Frontier. Boers routed. Over 80 killed. Forty prisoners taken, including German Commandant. British losses: 50 killed, 245 wounded, 2 missing.—Fight at Beacon Hill (Willow Grange). General Hildyard loses 11 killed, 67 wounded, 9 missing.

„ 25.—Battle at Graspan. Four hours' desperate fighting. Boers driven back. British loss: 24 killed, 166 wounded, 7 missing. Kimberley. Brilliant sortie 5 men killed, and 25 wounded.

Nov. 28.—Battle of Modder River. 8,000 Boers routed. Ten hours' desperate fighting. 4 Officers and 71 men killed, 19 officers and 374 men wounded, 7 men missing. Kimberley. Further sortie. British loss: Major Scott Turner and 21 killed, 31 wounded.

Dec. 8.—Ladysmith.—Brilliant sortie. Lombard's Kop. Gun Hill rushed. Big French gun and other artillery captured and destroyed. Boer automatic gun brought into camp.

„ 9.—Reverse Stormberg, Gatacre misled by guides. 665 men and 2 guns captured by Boers (Irish Rifles, Northumberland Regt.).

„ 10.—Another sortie from Ladysmith under Colonel Metcalfe. Big gun destroyed on Surprise Hill.

„ 11.—Battle of Magersfontein. Lord Methuen fails to force the passage of the Modder, British losses: 152 killed, 697 wounded. 129 missing.

„ 15.—Battle of Colenso. Sir Redvers Buller repulsed at the Tugela, with a loss of 1,097 officers and men killed, wounded, and missing.

Jan. 1.—General French defeats the Boers near Colesberg. Colonel Pilcher, with Colonials, captures Boer camp and forty prisoners at Sunnyside, and occupies Douglas. Surrender of Kuruman to the Boers.

„ 6.—Boers attack Ladysmith in force. Brilliant British victory. General French reports "serious accident" at Colesberg. Company of Suffolk Regiment, seven officers captured.

Jan. 17.—Tugela crossed at Potgieter's and Trichardt's Drifts. Lord Dundonald and mounted troops in action near Acton Holmes.

„ 20.—Severe fighting. Sir F. Clery's division advancing occupies ridges for three miles. British casualties 290. General French advanced his position 8 miles. General Bothune's infantry surprised and dispersed Boer watering party at Swartz Kop.

„ 21.—Fighting continues. Whole force engaged. Sir Redvers Buller reports: "I think we are making substantial progress." General Lyttelton's brigade hotly engaged and succeeded in closing Reenan's pass against Boers, 250 killed and wounded. Enemy's losses to date estimated at 6,625.

„ 22.—Boer patrol cut up on Upper Tugela. Fighting in full swing at Spion Kop. Bombardment of Ladysmith resumed, General White's and General Hunter's quarters destroyed. Reported relief of Mafeking (unconfirmed).

„ 24.—Spion Kop taken. General Woodgate dangerously wounded.

„ 25.—Spion Kop abandoned. 24 killed, 178 wounded, and 215 missing. General Warren's force withdrawn to South of the Tugela.

Feb. 3.—Commander Pretorious released by Lord Roberts.

„ 4.—General Buller re-crosses the Tugela and commences another advance on Ladysmith. Strong force of infantry sent to sieze Norval's Pont.

„ 5.—Boers recommence attack on Ladysmith.

„ 6.—Boers attack General Gatacre's forces, but are driven off with heavy losses. Skirmish near Rensburg when I. Battery all fresh from India drove 300 Boers out of their Kopjes.

„ 7.—British captured Vaalkranz on extreme left of enemy's frontal position. Enemy endeavoured unsuccessfully to retake the position.

„ 9.—Vaalkranz abandoned and troops recross to South of the Tugela. Highland brigade which had held Koodoosberg drift for two days return to Modder river.

„ 12.—General Wood sieges Zoutpansdrift.

„ 13.—Skirmish at Springfield. All posts west of Rensburg evacuated. British casualties from 5th to 7th instant, reported as 26 killed and 324 wounded. Rensburg abandoned.

„ 14.—General French forces the passage of the Modder River at Klipdrift.

„ 15.—General French relieves Kimberley and captures Jacobsdal, 3 killed and 25 wounded, 80 of the Wiltshire made prisoner when withdrawing from Kloofcamp. General Lyttelton succeeds General Clery in command of the Second Division. Boers abandon Magersfontein leaving their big guns behind them.

„ 16.—Company of New South Wales Mounted Infantry annihilated.

„ 18.—General Buller occupies the Cingolo mountains. Boers reported trekking from Ladysmith.

„ 19.—General Hart occupied Colenso. Severe fighting near Koodoosrand. Cronje reported to be hopelessly surrounded.

„ 20.—General Buller's forces re-cross the Tugela and drive back the enemy's rear guard.

„ 21.—Telegram received reporting Generals Knox and Hector Macdonald wounded. Cronje asks for an armistice. This is refused by Lord Kitchener and Cronje announces his intention to fight to the death. Fighting is resumed.

„ 23.—Our losses to date are estimated at 1,535 killed, 5,894 wounded, and 3,378 missig.

„ 24.—Buller arrives within two miles of Ladysmith,—540 Boer prisoners taken at Paardeberg.

„ 27.—Cronje with all his forces surrender unconditionally. Batches of 4 000 Boer prisoners sent to Capetown.

„ 28.—Pieter's Hill taken by General Warren. Lord Dundonald reaches Ladysmith.

March, 1—Ladysmith relieved, General Buller reports besiegers have retired in hot haste.

„ 5.—General Brabant defeats enemy at Labuschagne's Nek.

„ 7—Lord Roberts defeats Boers South of Modder River.

„ 9.—General Gatacre occupies Burghersdorp.

„ 10.—General Broadwood defeats Boers at Driefontein. Enemy reported anxious for peace.

„ 12.—General French occupies two hills commanding Bloemfontein, Presidents Kruger and Steyn ask the Powers to mediate. President Steyn's brother made prisoner.

„ 13.—Mafeking garrison reported to be interrible straits. America offers to mediate if desired.

„ 14.—Lord Roberts enters Bloemfontein unopposed and is welcomed by the people.

„ 16.—Springfontein occupied. Boers block Drakensburg passes. Boer prisoners sent to St. Helena.

„ 17.—Severe fighting at Mafeking Railway communication re-opened between Bloemfontein and Capetown. Lord Methuen reaches Warrenton.

„ 19.—Lord Kitchener occupies Prieska. President Steyn threatens to shoot burghers refusing to fight against the British.

THE FRENCH ARMAMENTS IN MADAGASCAR.

CONSIDERABLE REINFORCEMENTS.

In the French Chamber on Feb. 24, M. Le Herisse addressed an interpellation to the Government on the question of reinforcing the garrison of Madagascar. He stated that personally he was in favour of sending reinforcements, but he blamed the Government for despatching young soldiers who were unable to withstand the climate and the hardships attending their duties, instead of sending Senegalese or Soudanese. M. Etienne pointed out the necessity of fortifying Diego Suarez immediately. M. Decrais, Colonial Minister, said he shared M. Etienne's views, and added that General Galliени had asked for two battalions of the Foreign Legion, two batteries of artillery, a regiment of marines, and a battalion of Soudanese Rifles to be sent to Diego Suarez. The Government had appointed Colonel Joffre to the command of these troops. M. Le Myre de Vilers, former French Resident in Madagascar, declared that in sending artillery men and engineers to Diego Suarez from the regular army the Government had violated the law.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the Premier, stated that it was incumbent upon the Government to make a statement on the subject under discussion. It was not so much a question of what might be done in a few months as what should be done immediately. The Minister of Marine could not at a moment's notice place a naval contingent at the disposal of the Minister of the Colonies. The danger, therefore, was very great. "Yes," exclaimed M. Paul de Cassagnac, "and you had better admit it." The Premier, continuing said: I can say without hesitation that in applying for men to the Minister of War we were merely fulfilling an imperative duty.—(Applause on the Left.) When making our application we asked for men to re-enlist. About twenty volunteered, and we took them all. The other artillery men are men of twenty-three to twenty-four years of age who have done two years' service. The first battery left on February 10, and the second will leave on March 6. When you ask us to postpone the departure of these troops we can only reply formally that this would occasion delay, for which we cannot accept responsibility.

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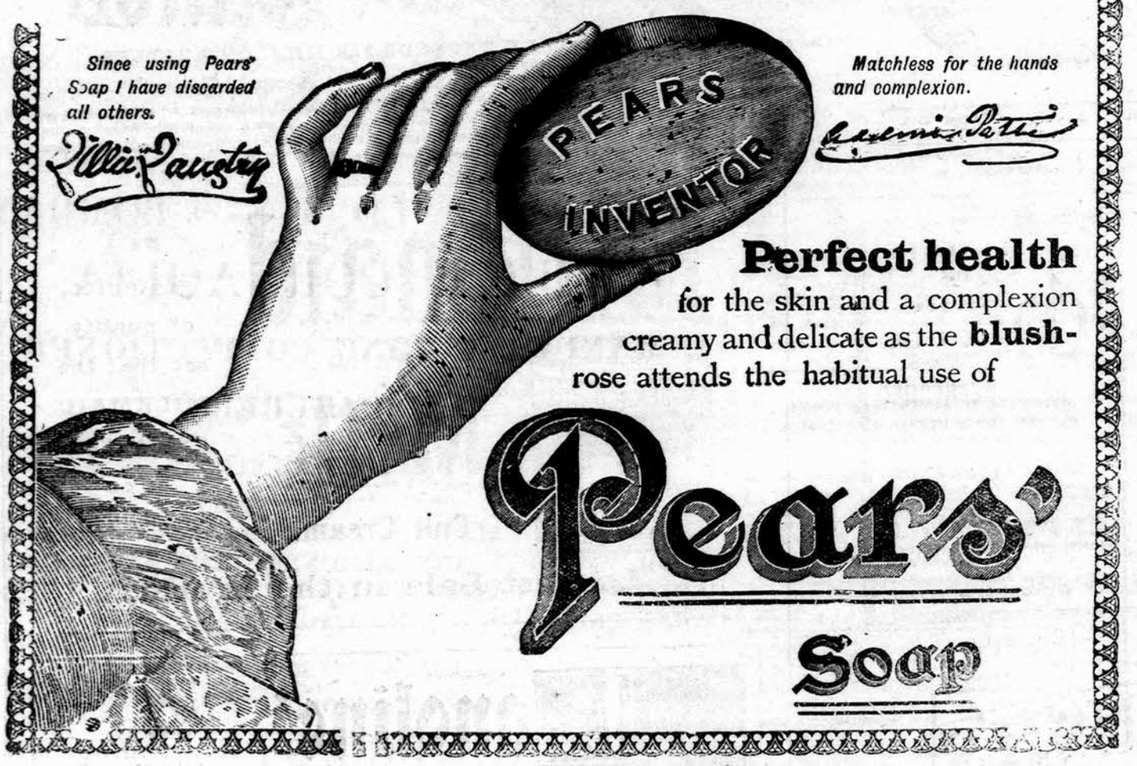
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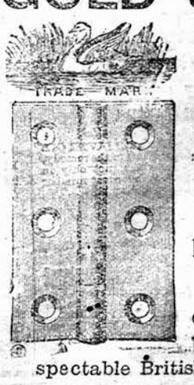

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